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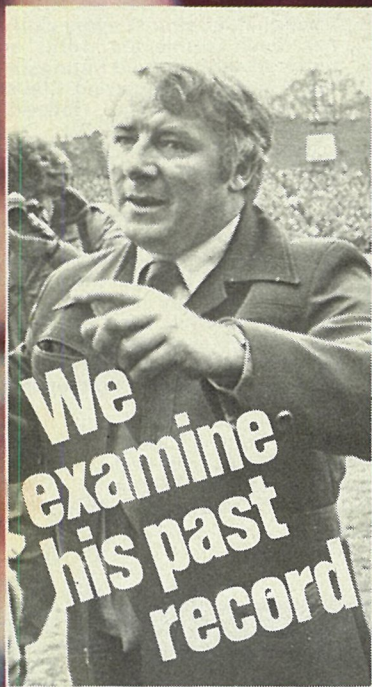
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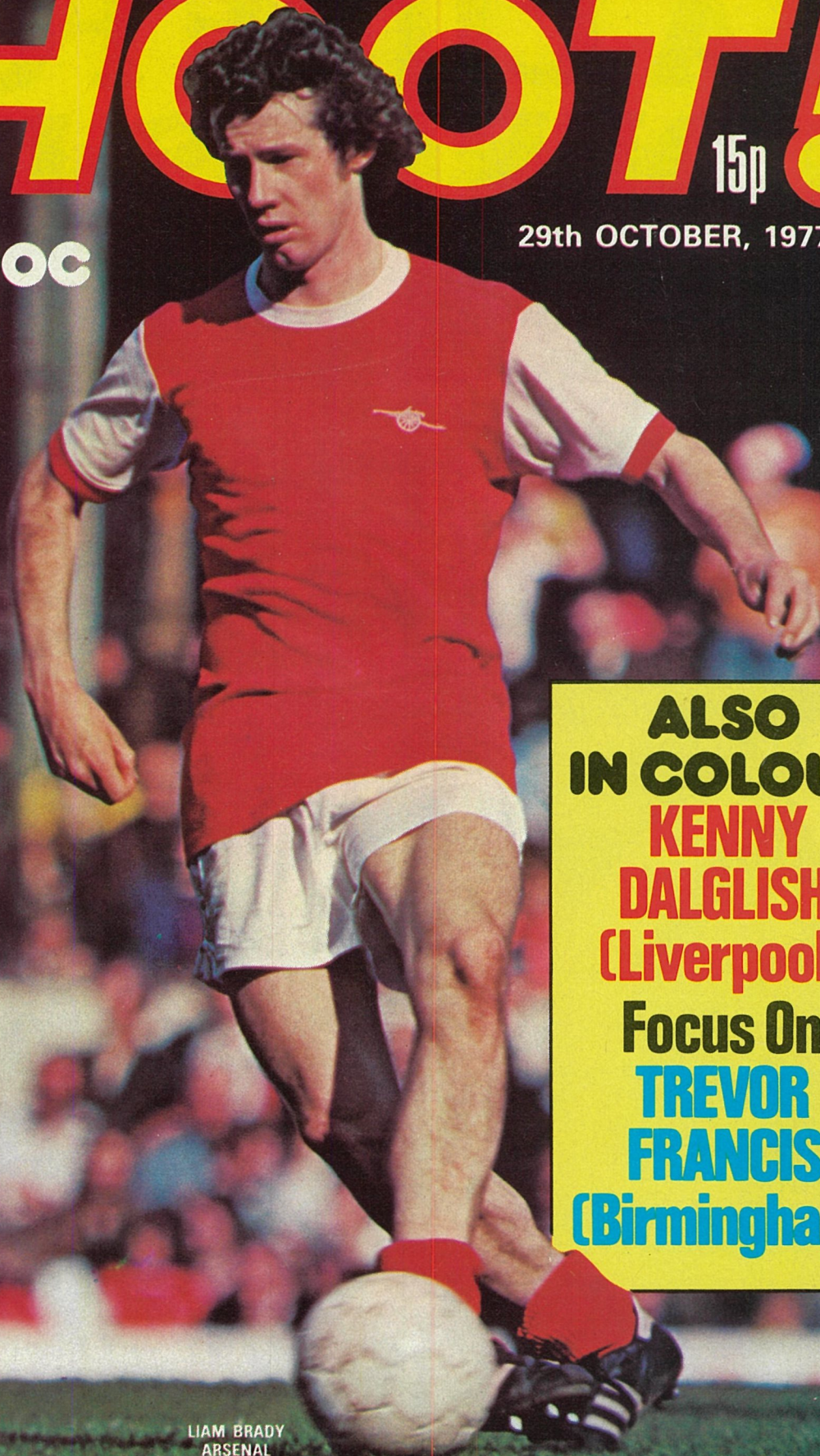
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IS TOMMY DOC A CURE FOR DERBY'S ILLS?

TOMMY Docherty is Football's version of a rubber-ball — whatever the crisis, humiliation or trauma, he always comes bouncing back.

Two months and 13 days after being sacked as manager of Manchester United, one of the most envied jobs in Europe, Docherty was back in First Division management with Derby County. Confidently he predicted: "I can't see any trouble reviving this club with all its talent and potential."

Revival and recovery are two of Docherty's qualities. He has been sacked twice, from Aston Villa and Manchester United. He resigned from Chelsea, Rotherham, Q.P.R. and FC Porto. Each time, within weeks, he has walked into another job.

He once said: "People say a manager is always in the hot seat. I hope it will always be hot. There are always jobs."

For Docherty jobs have been plentiful, and now he starts life at Derby where he must rebuild an empire he helped to destroy.

Many observers believe Derby's decline can be pinpointed to their F.A. Cup Semi-Final with Manchester United at Hillsborough in April, 1976. Derby chairman George

Hardy, who was largely responsible for taking Docherty to the Baseball Ground, agrees: "It was a defeat from which we never recovered," he says.

Docherty started his turbulent managerial career at Chelsea in January, 1962 when he was promoted from coach to manager and succeeded Ted Drake.

His first months in charge ended in disaster when Chelsea were relegated at the end of 1961-62 season.

Docherty promised a quick return. He discarded a lot of the "old guard", as has become his trademark at almost every club he has been connected with, and replaced with untried youngsters. Their enthusiasm carried Chelsea to promotion the following season.

More success for Docherty in 1965 when he led Chelsea into Europe as holders of the League Cup. In 1967 he made his first appearance as a manager at Wembley in an F.A. Cup Final, but came away a loser, 2-1 to London rivals Tottenham.

It was another sorry chapter in his Wembley appearances — Docherty had lost as a player in the 1954 Cup Final when Preston were

Jubilant Chelsea players chair Tommy Docherty after the club had gained promotion to the First Division after one season in the Second.



beaten 3-2 by West Bromwich, and he had not won there playing for Scotland.

In October of the same year he resigned. But 47 days later he was back in business as manager of Second Division Rotherham.

The success he promised them never materialised and at the end of the 1967-68 season Rotherham were relegated. He left the club on November 7, 1968, and a day later joined First Division Queens Park Rangers.

On joining Rangers he said: "Although I look forward to my new job as a tremendous challenge, I have few fears for there are some great players here."

Twenty-eight days later Docherty was packing his briefcase. He claimed the directors denied him £35,000 he wanted to sign the former Rotherham captain Brian Tiler.

Docherty was back in a job one month later when he joined Aston Villa on a £14,000 two-year contract. Villa were struggling in the Second Division, in 22nd place. On arrival Docherty said: "I'd love to stay at Villa for the rest of my career, but in football who can tell?"



Docherty (above, far left) during his days as manager of Scotland. Many people believe Derby's decline started after their F.A. Cup Semi-Final defeat by Manchester United in 1976 (below, Gordon Hill scores United's second).

where for the first time in years he found success.

In his 15 months with Porto he led them to third place in the Portuguese Championship and broke their 12-year absence from European competition.

He quit in 1971 and came back to England jobless, but refused to apply for employment. "I have



seven and lost three.

Docherty also built the basis of Scotland's 1974 World Cup side, but left before the Finals to take over at Manchester United, where the story of his management is now well known.

He re-built United. They won the Second Division Championship, the F.A. Cup last May — his first major trophy as a manager — and he left his successor Dave Sexton, with a team of enormous potential.

And now for Derby County. What's the cure, Doc?

His record indicates we can expect a "clear out" of the established players. Former Scotland captain Archie Gemmill joined Nottingham Forest five days after Docherty's arrival. Striker Derek Hales left for West Ham in a £110,000 deal on September 27 and constant talk from the Baseball Ground is about who will be the next to leave.

Docherty likes his own men around him. Youngsters will undoubtedly get their chance and once again interest among the fans will be rife because Docherty has a knack of generating enthusiasm and optimism.

But it remains to be seen whether he can sustain the initial impact at Derby. To date Docherty has not managed to stay with a club long enough to complete a contract, although it must be said that in many cases a move has been forced upon him.

The Doc's weakness seems to be his inability to sustain success.



The Doc's moment of glory. F.A. Cup triumph at last (above, Stuart Pearson, left, with Docherty, Lou Macari and Hill). Derby (below, white shirts) gained their first win under Docherty when they beat Middlesbrough 4-1 at the Baseball Ground on October 1st.



The Doc saved Villa from relegation that season and they finished in 18th place.

But the following term disaster struck again. Villa started badly and when the results didn't come Docherty was sacked, just 45 games and 13 wins into his contract.

For the time being Docherty had seen enough of British football. He left the country in 1970 to manage the Portuguese side F.C. Porto,

MAGNIFICENT McGARVEY

ARSENAL, who recently sold veteran winger George Armstrong to Leicester, have been linked with St. Mirren's versatile forward Frank McGarvey.

He started the season on the left-wing, but manager Alex Ferguson brought him inside to lead the attack against Rangers in a League game at Love Street and the youngster scored two goals.

Frank also led Scotland's Under-21 side when they played Czechoslovakia after Coventry City's Ian Wallace had pulled out through injury.

He played against giant centre-back Anton Ondrus and the Czech superstar looked delighted to hear the final whistle after a particularly tough 90 minutes against magnificent McGarvey.

POMPEY BAN



PORTSMOUTH manager Jimmy Dickinson (above) has banned his players from playing cards on the way to matches because of the effect on team morale.

Dickinson has introduced a code of conduct for his players forbidding card-playing and setting down a list of standards for dress and behaviour.

He said: "I don't frown on gambling but it does not help players to get into the right frame of mind for a match if they have lost money beforehand."

"As for dress and behaviour, I want our players to realise they are representatives of the club and if they look untidy it will be reflected in their football."



MICK COOP (above) has a target—to beat the record of George Curtis who played 486 times for Coventry.

Already Mick, who made his debut for The Sky Blues in 1963, has around 350 appearances under his belt, but he is only 29.

So with say some five more seasons, including this one, to go he should be in with a chance as he can expect, barring injuries, to tot up an average of 30 games per campaign.

So it is "on" for Mick to nudge George out of the record books and maybe reach 500.

IN THE whole of the 1976-77 season, Bolton Wanderers used only 19 players. Yet, despite the fact they went straight to the top of the Second Division this term, The Trotters called upon 16 players in their first five matches!

FORMER Hearts manager, John Hagart, now Motherwell chief-coach, made a successful return to Tyneside last month (Sept. 20) in charge of the Scotland Under-21 team which beat Czechoslovakia 2-1 before a crowd of 14,000.

It was the young Scots' second victory since Hagart was given the chance of managing them by Scotland boss Ally MacLeod.

Hagart praised his team for their performance and also the Edinburgh fans. "They were fantastic," he said.

Rent rise

MEADOWBANK Thistle, who play their home games at the luxurious 1970 Commonwealth Games Stadium, are to have their £1,250 a year rent increased by ten per cent this season by their "landlords", Edinburgh District Council.

Meadowbank, formerly Ferranti Thistle, changed their name in 1974 after they were voted into the Scottish League and offered the use of the stadium by the old Edinburgh Corporation.

IN a warm-up for their World Cup-tie against Bulgaria, the Republic of Ireland beat a League of Ireland XI 2-1 in Dublin.

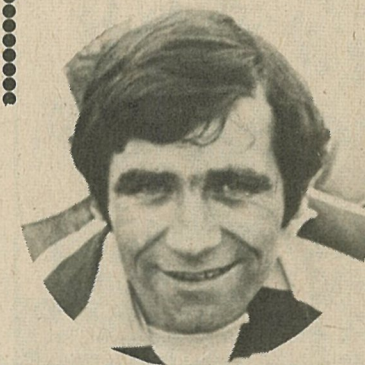
Scores came from Don Givens and a Paddy Dunning o.g., with Sligo Rovers' Paul McGee replying for the League.

On the League side, gaining his first representative honour since he was capped by England in the 60's, was former Chelsea star Bobby Tambling, now with Waterford.

The "Beckenbauer" of Shamrock Rovers

JOHNNY GILES' plan to make League of Ireland club Shamrock Rovers a full-time outfit moved a step nearer with the upgrading of a youth—and a veteran!

The youth in question is 18-year-old



Mark Meagan, son of the former Everton and Republic of Ireland player Mick Meagan. Mark is a forward and earned his promotion with some scintillating displays in pre-season games.

The veteran is 37-year-old Johnny Fullam (left) who quit the full-time ranks in 1961 when he left Preston North End to sign for Shamrock Rovers for the first time.

Now in his second spell with Rovers after some years with Bohemians, Fullam has been handed a "Beckenbauer" role by Giles.

JIM "JINKY" SMITH, Newcastle United's first £100,000 signing when he joined the club from Aberdeen in July, 1969, has been offered the use of St. James' Park for his testimonial match at the end of the season.

Jinky, forced to retire from senior soccer last May because of a knee injury, has a sports trophy business, with another former Newcastle player John Cowan, just a free-kick away from the popular Leazes end of the ground.

JIMMY McGROARTY, the 19-year-old Finn Harps midfielder, has been signed by Stoke City.

Stoke manager George Eastham described the Donegal lad as "another Terry Conroy".

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YANKS AT SAINTS

TWO members of Tampa Bay Rowdies have accepted Southampton manager, Lawrie McMenemy's invitation to join Saints for a spell.

Mr McMenemy spent part of the summer in America looking at the development of soccer, including a time at Tampa Bay in Florida.

Now 6ft. 3ins. goalkeeper Winston Du Bose and striker Farrukh Quraishi are playing in Saints' third team in the Hampshire League.

"They have both done well for us since they arrived and now we are hoping to extend their experience of England football by getting them clubs in the Southern League," said Lawrie McMenemy.



DUNDEE'S SUPER-SCORER

BILLY PIRIE, Dundee's super-scorer and Britain's top scorer last season with 44 goals is all set for a repeat.

Against Alloa he scored a hat-trick in his team's 5-3 victory, to bring his total in mid-September to nine.

What makes it all the more remarkable is Billy was a free transfer man from Aberdeen after The Dons had paid £25,000 for him to Arbroath.

WORKING HOLIDAY

FORMER Millwall and Coventry City 'keeper Bryan King, who was forced to quit the game because of injury, had an enjoyable working holiday during the summer coaching the youngsters who visited PONTINS Holiday Village at Brean Sands in Somerset.

Here Bryan poses with a group of keen young guests.



EVEN at the age of 31, Derby striker Kevin Hector is in demand. The League's top marksman and just a few matches away from his 500th match, Kevin has been chased by seven clubs in this country and two from abroad . . . including Nottingham Forest, Notts County, Walsall, Minnesota Kicks and one from the Continent.

Says Kevin: "I've had 11 marvellous years at Derby, but at my age I've got to look after the future. I like to think I've given this club good service."

"Of course, it would be great if my old County boss Brian Clough thought I could do a job for Forest."

LEICESTER CITY made a profit of £82,479 last season, due to a £62,000 increase in revenue from home gates and cuts in general expenses. The previous year City lost £18,744.

West Ham's top five

WEST HAM are the first League club to introduce a system on the lines of union representation on the board.

Since the departure of Ron Greenwood to temporary England duty, no new official appointments have been made at Upton Park. But West Ham

have formed a team of five to handle the duties of manager and his assistant.

Team-manager John Lyall explains: "We were possibly the first club in the League to have two men involved in managing a club, rather than just one. We believed it was very successful in the way we did it."

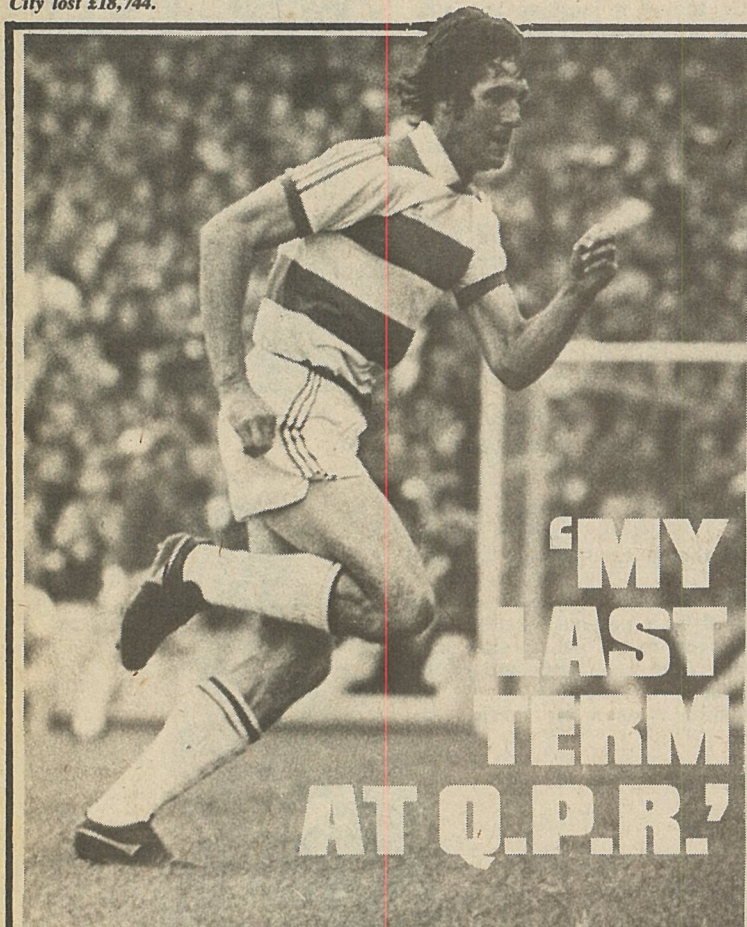
"Since Ron left, it has been a question of everyone doing a bit extra, rather than everything coming to me. Everyone has got more involved. Before, under Ron and I, we were maybe covering two games a week. But now we're spreading the load

among the staff and everyone is doing some."

Lyall is helped by four backroom assistants — Bill Lansdowne, Eddie Baily, Ernie Gregory and Ron Boyce.

Lyall says: "I can't yet say whether the new system will work well or not. You can't measure things like this in a month or two — you need a longer period of time."

Since Greenwood left, Lyall admits he has felt his absence. "You are bound to miss him," he says. "After all the years of being together, it seems different. But I learned from him and it is helping me now."



says Don Givens

REPUBLIC of Ireland international striker Don Givens is the latest player to announce he'll quit at Q.P.R. at the end of the current season. Givens has signed a one-year contract after rumours of impending transfers throughout the summer. But he declares: "Although I'm happy to stay with Rangers until next May, that is the end by then. I shall definitely be moving in the next close season."

Givens is the second Rangers' star to prepare to leave the West London club. Former England skipper Gerry Francis has already told Rangers' officials this will be his last season at the club. Francis wants to follow Kevin Keegan into Europe to gain wider playing experience and escape the harsh tax laws in this country.

Rangers' recent announcement that full-back Don Shanks was available for transfer means Rangers will have a big clear out on their hands by the end of the campaign.

Givens says: "In a way, I'm glad I've signed this one-year contract because although I wanted to leave

this past summer, I got fed up with all the rumours and nothing concrete happening. It's a relief to be settled for now but I shall be off next summer — that's certain."

"I'm happy with the situation now and I shall be giving Rangers 100 per cent and more in every game I play. There's no question of messing around — that's not my style. I won't be thinking about the move during this term — it will all wait until next May."

The closest Givens came to a move this summer was to French First Division club Bordeaux. Terms were agreed at around £200,000 but the French club cooled off late in the negotiations. They wanted Mike Channon and dropped ideas of taking Givens when Channon joined Manchester City.

But don't rule out the chance of Givens crossing the Channel after all. European club officials will be back in Britain looking for new signings next year — and Givens could yet go into Europe with Gerry Francis.

WOLVES' LOSS-ALBION'S GAIN



JUST as Spurs let Andy King, of Everton and Sunderland Paul Cannell, of Newcastle, slip through their fingers, so Wolves must be kicking themselves over Derek Statham (above).

The blond stylish full-back is getting rave notices for his displays with Staffordshire rivals West Bromwich.

Derek was born in Wolverhampton and his father wrote to Molineux telling them about him. But as he heard nothing he then tried Albion.

The result was that after a trial, young Statham was signed up. Now, after some score of League outings, he is being mentioned as a potential future England left-back.

Although Derek is a little on the short side at 5ft. 7in., he is quick in the tackle and his style is reminiscent of former England man Terry Cooper, now with Middlesbrough.

NORTHAMPTON fans claim only the consistency of Joey Jones stops Barry Tucker from gaining a cap for Wales. Phil Neal could perhaps give an unbiased verdict. He played alongside Tucker at Northampton and is now pairing with Jones at Liverpool.

FULL CIRCLE

THINGS have certainly gone full circle for versatile Alan Birchenall. An amateur with Notts County in the early 60's he has returned there this season as he continues a professional career that has taken in four other clubs.

He first joined the paid ranks with Sheffield United in October, 1972, and also saw service with Chelsea, Crystal Palace and Leicester.

The East Ham-born forward or midfielder actually cost Chelsea £100,000 when signed from Sheffield United in November, 1967. The winning of England Under-23 honours helped boost his value.

Now 32, he almost joined County last season after a loan period from Leicester. But he returned to Filbert Street and in December last year asked to come off the transfer list.

But Meadow Lane claimed him for the third time. "His experience in midfield can be of great value to us," says manager Jimmy Sirrel.

HARRY HOOD, the ex-Celtic forward, has joined Queen of the South after being freed by Motherwell. Hood had been training with the First Division club since he became a free agent.

BEST of BEST?

REMEMBER Saturday, 21st October, 1967, exactly ten years ago this week-end?

The player George Best, the scene Windsor Park, the crowd 55,000, the victors Northern Ireland, the vanquished Scotland, reigning British Champions, just like they are today.

Best's exhilarating wing-wizardry, body-swerving genius, speed and artistry tormented a Scots' defence that had no answer to his amazing soccer skills.

Scotland full-backs Tommy Gemmell (Celtic) and Chelsea's Eddie McCreadie, and even captain John Greig — SHOOT columnist and still going strong a decade later — among others, failed to curb the elegant majesty of the Manchester United superstar.

For the record, Ireland won 1-0, Dave Clements scoring following a flash of Best's right-wing magic, and it was the Scots' third consecutive Belfast defeat.

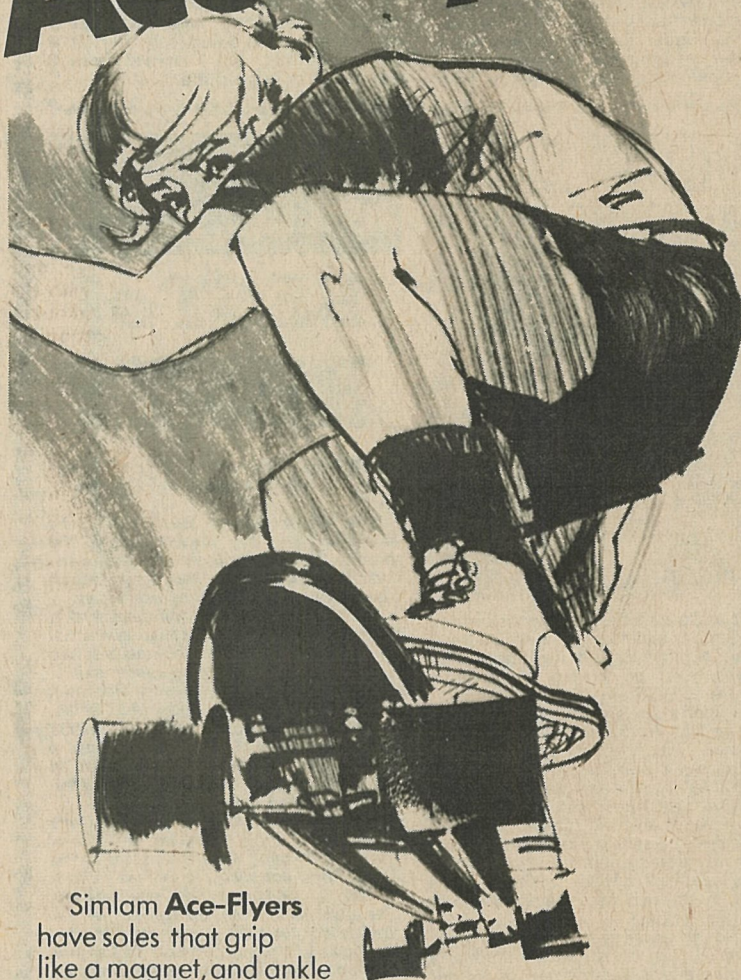
Was it, as many folk still believe, George's best-ever exhibition of his unique soccer skills? Even better than all those glittering displays in League, Cup and European games for United?

That, of course, is a matter of opinion, but Best's performance that day was certainly world class.

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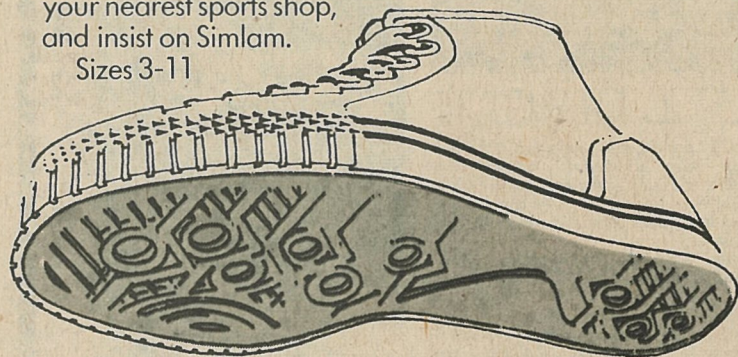


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LIVERPOOL will be a divided city this Saturday for the first of this season's League games between the Anfield Reds and the Goodison Blues.

I've yet to meet a football fan on Merseyside who doesn't own allegiance to either Liverpool or Everton. And the rivalry builds up to an intense pitch when the two teams play each other.

Some fans are so fanatical they place more importance on a derby game than even a Cup Final. If their favourites win they're over the moon.

Of course it imposes an extra strain on us players, especially the local-born ones who have grown up with the tradition.

This Saturday Liverpool start armed with several advantages: we're on our home patch, past results favour us, and we are not only Champions of England, but of Europe, too.

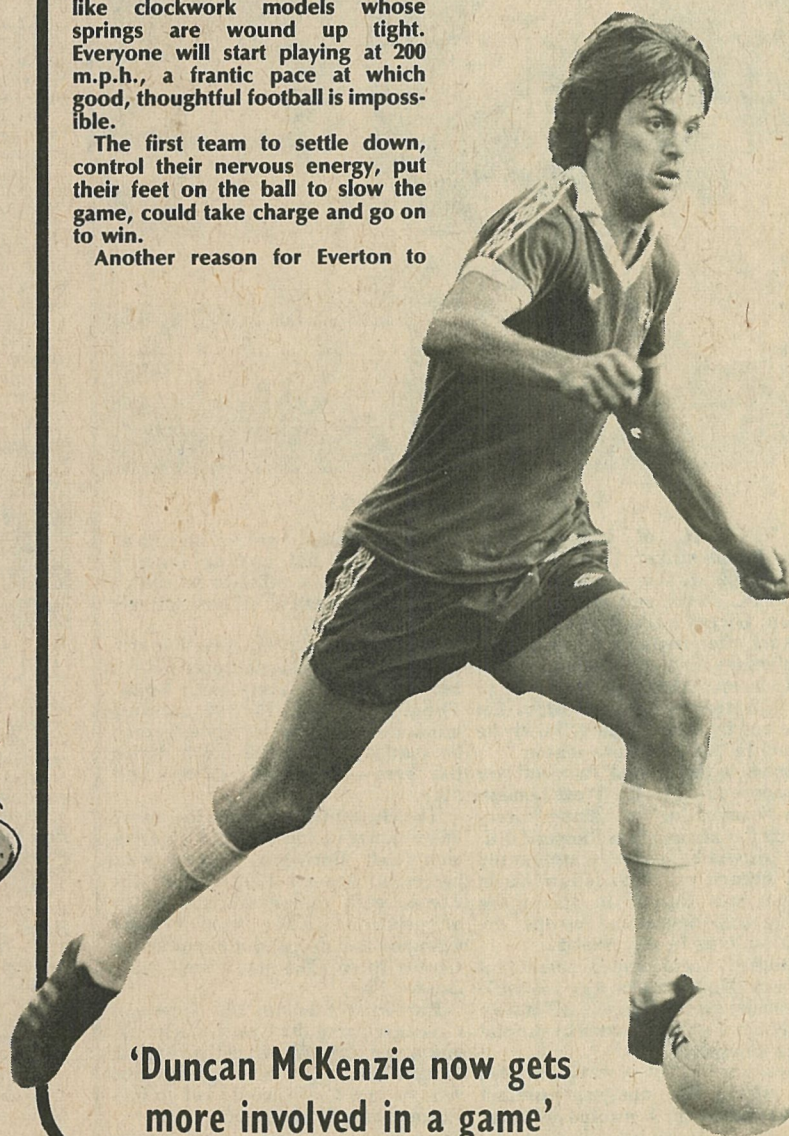
Although our two titles are likely to spur on Blues even more, provide a greater incentive to beat us.

The atmosphere will be electric, the terraces and stands a seething mass of red and blue, with wave after wave of sound washing across the green field of battle.

When the referee's whistle shrills for the kick-off, players will respond like clockwork models whose springs are wound up tight. Everyone will start playing at 200 m.p.h., a frantic pace at which good, thoughtful football is impossible.

The first team to settle down, control their nervous energy, put their feet on the ball to slow the game, could take charge and go on to win.

Another reason for Everton to



'Duncan McKenzie now gets more involved in a game'

Jimmy Case (second left) heads Liverpool's second goal in last term's F.A. Cup Semi-Final v. Everton.



'We robbed Everton of a football first'

'A divided City...'

RAY CLEMENCE
talking soccer

beat us is to avenge the knockout blow we dealt them in last season's F.A. Cup Semi-Finals. This robbed them of a "football first" — two appearances at Wembley Finals in the same season, as they had already played for the League Cup there, against Aston Villa.

I didn't see the League Cup Final on TV, but by all accounts it was a drab, uninspired game that neither side deserved to win. However, I did watch the second replay and thought Blues unlucky to lose.

There's an old saying in football "If your name's on the Cup, you'll win it" — and Aston Villa's name must have been there. In fact, Villa seem to make a speciality of taking that particular piece of silverware.

The Villans had the Cup luck then.

So Everton were out to make amends when drawn against us in the F.A. Cup Semi-Final played, as usual, on neutral territory. On that occasion, Maine Road, home of

Manchester City, one of the best grounds in the country.

As Fate would have it, luck deserted them yet again.

I can remember us Reds slumping down in the dressing-room afterwards relieved at getting away with a 2-2 draw.

If referee Clive Thomas had not been so sharp-eyed we would have lost to a third goal from Everton. He ruled Bryan Hamilton was offside when he put the ball into the net in the closing stages.

It was a controversial decision — Bryan was only just offside — but full marks to Mr. Thomas for disallowing the "goal". His decision was later confirmed by the TV recording, but it was a close thing for us in the hurly-burly of the game.

The finding at our "inquest" afterwards was our approach to the game had been all wrong. We'd gone in front, eased up and allowed them to get back and level the scores. Our first goal, a marvellous

effort from Terry McDermott, was to win the BBC "Goal of the Season" award. So something good came out of a bad game for us.

Everton's first equaliser was the result of our captain Emlyn Hughes slipping while attempting a back-pass to me. The ball merely trickled, one of their players got possession, took it to the by-line and crossed for Duncan McKenzie, in great form, to score easily.

The result of the replay was never in doubt. Our attitude was right on the night — thoroughly professional — the Liverpool machine functioning at its relentless, unstoppable best. We applied ourselves one hundred per cent.

If the Everton players were as honest about themselves as we'd been after the first game, they must have admitted we were the better team and deserved to go through to the Final.

But if, as I've said, luck had been on their side, they would have gone to Wembley after the first game.

Their then new manager Gordon Lee had not been in the Goodison hot seat for long, and the players had yet to absorb his methods. This season they are playing his way with the result their performances have improved, especially away from home.

At Goodison, the fans, who have

been denied success for so long, tend to become impatient and criticise them if they do not get an early goal.

In contrast, our fans allow us to find our rhythm, do not put us under pressure, and are content for us to serve up the goals late in a game.

Everton possess a large squad — essential these days — although only a handful remain from that of three years ago, others having been transferred or sidelined through injury.

Mick Lyons and Terry Darracott are still going strong, but Roger Kenyon is suffering from muscle injury.

George Wood, a 'keeper signed from Blackpool, has made a big contribution to their defence, and particularly impressed me with his safe handling when he turned out in Ian Callaghan's recent testimonial.

Many outsiders felt certain manager Lee would sell Duncan McKenzie when he took over. They based their argument on the knowledge the new manager puts work rate before skill.

But Duncan now gets more involved in a game, is more industrious, yet still manages to include his flamboyant touches which please fans.

He tells me he doesn't want to leave the city. He and his wife, a

local lass, are very happy there.

I've always greatly admired Bob Latchford. When he was with Birmingham City, I regarded him as a good prospect for Liverpool. However, he moved to Everton, where until recently he has not made the impression I anticipated.

Now he's living up to his potential: working harder at helping his team-mates as well as scoring goals.

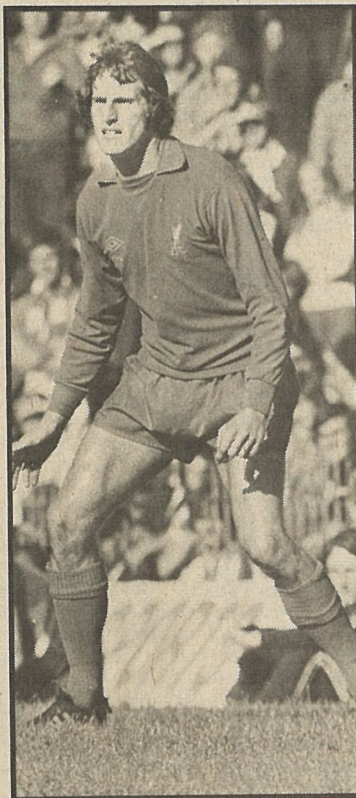
Mike Pejic is the natural left-back the club have been looking for, and has steadied the back-four.

There are several good players competing for the midfield positions, which is good for the club.

I'm not sure how Everton will spend the night before the game, but it'll be somewhere they can escape from the mounting tension.

We'll be relaxing, as usual, at a hotel outside Warrington — and looking forward to celebrating a great win on Saturday night with our families and friends.

Up The Reds—



Ray Clemence

Four First Division 'THE BEST CAPTAIN

LEIGHTON JAMES (Derby)

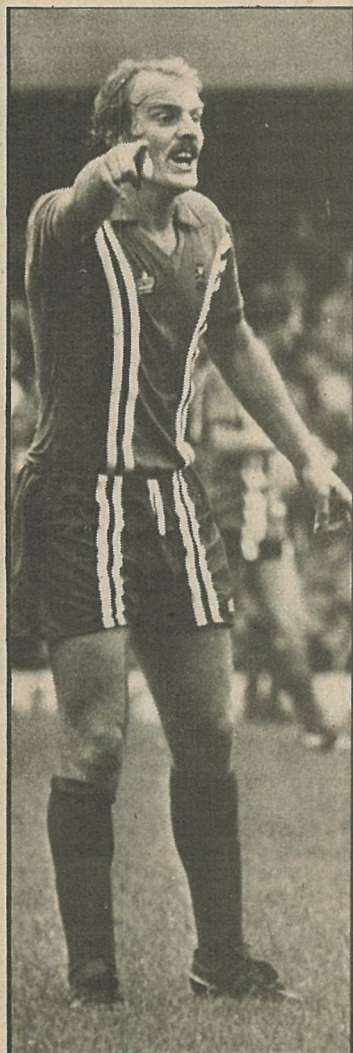
I'VE played under a tremendous number of captains — I know that. There are so many — Mike England, Terry Hennessey, Alan Durban, Arfon Griffiths, Terry Yorath, Roy McFarland, Martin Dobson, Colin Waldron . . . just to name a few!

I'd say the final choice would rest between Roy McFarland and Terry Yorath — but I think I'd have to give it to Terry Yorath. He really is such an outstanding leader and sets a great example to anyone playing with him.

His greatest attribute must be his ability to inspire you to do things. He is able to carry on from



'TERRY YORATH — AN OUTSTANDING LEADER'



where the manager leaves off, and take it on to the field to the utmost effect. He seems to have a great knack of getting me to do the right things more often than not.

You can rely on him if something goes wrong to do his best to sort it all out. The other marvellous thing about him is the terrific pride he gets from putting on the Welsh jersey — and the way that inspiration comes through to the other players.

Everyone enjoys playing for Wales much more nowadays and I'm sure a lot of that is down to Terry. We've got a good manager and a good captain and things seem great. Terry does so well with the new lads, too — that's another plus in his favour.

More skill

He is an honest 100 per cent professional and has more skill than people give him credit for. He's a good passer of the ball and a very hard uncompromising player. A very good player to have on your side — I wouldn't fancy my chances much if I was playing against a side that included Terry Yorath.

He can inspire players around him to heights they never thought they were capable of. He'll have a go at you, that's fair enough. But he's big enough to stand there and take it if you have a go back. He proves by all he does, he's a great man, a marvellous captain and the perfect inspiration.

I also believe Terry Yorath's leadership is one of the main reasons why Coventry City have made such a fine start to the season.

PAT HOLLAND (West Ham)

WHAT a problem — choosing one player as the best captain out of Bobby Moore and Billy Bonds. But I've got to be honest and say Billy Bonds (or Bonzo, as he's known at Upton Park) is the best I've ever seen.

He is a player who gives his all, he's always urging people on even if his own game is not going right. He's been a great help to me. I always lacked a little confidence but Billy urges me on.

Bobby Moore was different. "Moore" wouldn't do that as much — he'd play his own game and concentrate more on that rather than other players' game.



'BILLY BONDS — BETTER THAN BOBBY MOORE'



In a way, Moore oozed so much class he almost made you feel uncomfortable being there. You tended to think "What am I doing on the same field as this guy"? But Billy Bonds isn't like that.

Of course, there is no doubt whatsoever as to who is the better footballer of the two. Bobby Moore stood out in world class matches so he was bound to in League games. But he probably over-shadowed some of the players around him, as I've said — and perhaps that didn't make him a great captain at club level.

Never gives up

Bonds is a motivator: a buccanering-type of player. He absolutely never gives up and is so strong he can block up the defence one minute and then start setting up attacks the next.

He's always in the thick of it, making tackles all the time.

We've missed his driving play and inspiration when he's been out injured. Yet, ferocious and active as he is on the field, he's very shy and almost quiet in the dressing-room. Bobby Moore wasn't very out-going in the dressing room, either — it's funny neither of them have been great off the park skippers.

Having Billy Bonds in your side is marvellous, though, as soon as you get on to the field. I've got great respect for Billy because I know how much he's done for me. When I broke my leg, he was there urging me on and keeping me going through all the months when I couldn't play. He's exactly the right sort of bloke to have around when things are difficult.

He's certainly the best skipper I've ever known.

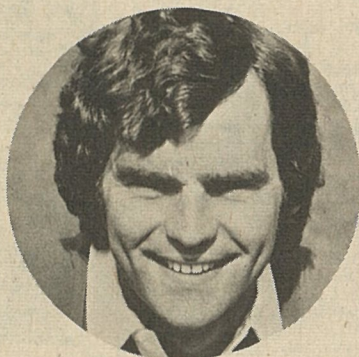
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JOHN CRAGGS (Middlesbrough)

I DON'T know whether I'm being too fair but the main quality I look for in a skipper is a commanding figure in a physical sense. I can't see a great skipper being a small chap who is towered over by most of the other members of the side.

That's why the two best captains I'd nominate are former Newcastle leader Bobby Moncur and Stuart Boam — both men of commanding physique who led by example... from the front.

Boam is the captain I'd choose as the better of the two. He's been in charge for five years at Ayre-



'STUART BOAM — ALWAYS INVOLVED'

some Park and he earns that best skipper tag because of what he does on and off the field.

He shouts a lot on the park — we all do. But if things start to go wrong on the field, Stuart is always involved, he's there and he knows what to do. He's big, strong and tall: he gets everything in the air and that sort of winning character tends to rub off on most of the other players in the side.

Stuart isn't an extrovert but I wouldn't say he's loud inside the dressing-room. The great thing about him is he gets involved as captain only when it's necessary. He thinks about the game and about the captain's job and what he should and should not be doing as he's the skipper. I'm positive he's aware of the impression he has to make as leader and that's a good thing.

Worse off

I'm a great believer in captains. I know some people say managers and coaches are all you want but I disagree — and to my way of thinking, a guy like Boam proves the point. He does plenty for the side and we'd certainly be worse off without him.

You've got to have an experienced player you can all look to especially when things start to get difficult. Young lads need a skipper on the field, too — it helps them along.

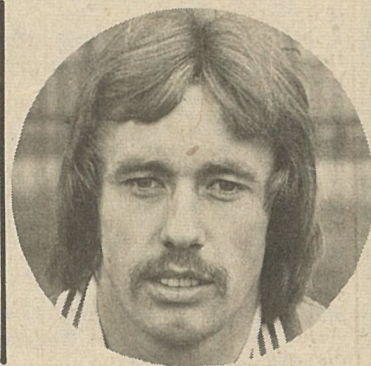
I admire Stuart Boam for all his qualities of leadership. And I know how hard a job it can be. I was captain of the reserve side when I was at Newcastle and I never really enjoyed it. So much so, in fact, when I went back to Newcastle with the Middlesbrough senior side one day, they asked me if I fancied being skipper for the day against my old club — and I turned them down!



SAMMY McILROY (Man. Utd)

MARTIN Buchan — the perfect living example of what a captain should be like. To me, Martin has everything a great captain should have. But his main asset is the respect other players give him. And by other players I mean not just at Old Trafford but throughout the game.

You can't help but admire Martin first and foremost as a great player. I've never in all the time I've been at Old Trafford, ever seen anyone take him to the cleaners. He's quick, reads a game superbly, tackles well and effectively — and is as good in the air as on the



'MARTIN BUCHAN — THE PERFECT CHOICE FOR CLUB AND COUNTRY'

ground.

If a captain is good and has that amount of respect from his teammates, he's sure to succeed as the skipper. And that's what Martin has done. He takes pressure off the rest of the lads: He's always ready and prepared to handle the official things at European games, for instance. He is happy to deal with the autograph hunters and let most of the other lads slip away from that.

That's why he's my idea of a good captain — because he's as good at being skipper ON the field as he is OFF. And that's very important in my book.

I played under Allan Hunter for Northern Ireland and he leads by example and his enthusiasm. That's different to Martin — Martin is quieter in some ways. Certainly on the face of it, he is.

Criticising

But, of course, the lads at Old Trafford know differently. If there is any criticising to be done, Martin will do it on the pitch. He'll not hesitate to have a go at someone if they're not doing things well. But equally, he's the first one to provide a pat on the back if you have done something well or done a good job.

Martin has said he doesn't want to captain Scotland if they get to the World Cup Finals. But to me he's the only one possible. He's by far the best man for the job and the Scots are bound to miss his abilities as skipper if he doesn't take the job.

If anyone should lead Scotland it

should be Buchan. There's no one as remotely suited for the job — and that goes for the captaincy of Manchester United, too. He's the ideal man for the task... perfect for club and country.



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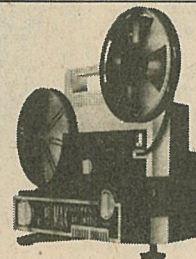
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Danny Blanchflower (white shorts) in action for Northern Ireland v. West Germany.

IRISH HOLD WEST GERMANY

Ireland's most sensational performance in the World Cup was undoubtedly their 2-2 draw with West Germany in Sweden in 1958. Under the brilliant captaincy of the indomitable Danny Blanchflower they had already beaten Czechoslovakia 1-0 but lost 3-1 to Argentina. They needed a point from their game with West Germany to give them any chance of qualifying for the Quarter-Finals and the man who did as much as anyone in this great-hearted team to ensure they got that point was goalkeeper Harry Gregg.

Only four months earlier the gods had smiled upon him when he walked away unscathed from the Munich air crash, and on this June day in Malmö he played the game of his life. McParland put Ireland ahead after 18 minutes but Rahn equalised within two minutes. McParland restored Ireland's lead in the second-half, but Seeler got West Germany's equaliser with a little over ten minutes to spare.

Ireland then won their extra qualifying match with Czechoslovakia 2-1 but a brave team handicapped by injuries was eliminated in the Quarter-Finals through a 4-0 defeat by France with this tournament's top scorer, Just Fontaine, getting two of the goals.

TRIUMPH AT WEMBLEY

England's finest hour came on July 30th, 1966, when West Germany was beaten 4-2 in the World Cup Final at Wembley. Once England had reached the Final by holding Uruguay to a goalless draw, and beating Mexico, France, Argentina, and Portugal, England were favourites to carry off the trophy, but it proved more difficult than England's over-confident followers had anticipated for the game had to go into extra-time when it was 2-2 after 90 minutes. But then Geoff Hurst shot England into the lead, a goal only confirmed after the referee had consulted a linesman, and in the dying seconds Hurst completed his hat-trick after West Germany had almost snatched an equaliser.

Scottish Cup

this game and he netted the only goal five minutes from time!

MAGNIFICENT MORTON

Morton's 1-0 victory over Rangers in the Final of 1922 was a feat the Greenock club has never since quite been able to repeat. On that occasion Jimmy Gourlay (who was subsequently the club's trainer for many years) scored a remarkable goal from a free-kick after Willie Robb, the Rangers' keeper, had handled outside the penalty-area, and despite losing inside-right Andy Cunningham with a broken jaw with more than an hour left for play Rangers did everything but score. Indeed, Morton owed all to their stern defensive work that day, especially that of two former Rangers players, full-backs John McIntyre and Bobby Brown.

LATE ARRIVAL

Falkirk's victory in 1957 was shattering for they had spent the greater part of that season sitting on the bottom of the First Division and only a late revival saved them from relegation. But at Hampden they well deserved their 1-1 draw with Kilmarnock, even though their goal was scored with a penalty by Prentice. Curlett got the equaliser.

The replay was a much faster flowing and exciting affair and once again it was 1-1 at the end of 90 minutes with Merchant scoring for Falkirk and Curlett again for Killies, but on this occasion Falkirk won through with a goal by Moran during extra-time.

BAKER'S BIG DAY

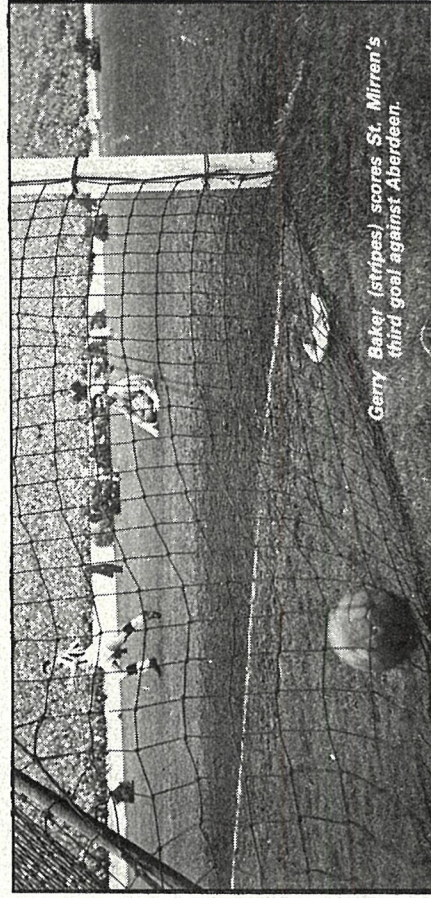
When the 1958-59 season kicked-off you could have got almost any odds against St. Mirren winning the Cup, but in November that season they paid £2,000 for a young winger from Motherwell and put him into the side as centre-forward. His name was Gerry Baker and he transformed the Paisley club. They shook the Scottish footballing fraternity by hammering Celtic 4-0 in the Semi-Finals with goals by Miller 2, Baker and Brycecland.

After that sensation it was no surprise when they beat Aberdeen 3-1 in the Final, more especially as Aberdeen were handicapped by an injury to right-back Caldwell. St. Mirren's goals that day were scored by Brycecland, Miller and that man Baker, while Baird got Aberdeen's consolation goal in the last minute.

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Morton came close to providing a similar sensation in their only other Cup Final appearance, that in 1948, when they again met Rangers. While Rangers were in their customary position at or near the top throughout this campaign Morton had been struggling to avoid relegation, yet when the two sides met at Hampden Park the result was a draw 1-1 after extra-time, both goals being scored in the opening 12 minutes — Whyte for Morton and Gillick for Rangers.

Interest in the replay was so intense that 133,570 turned up, a figure that was for many years a British mid-week attendance record. Rangers introduced Billy Williamson at centre-forward for his first Cup appearance in



Gerry Baker (stripes) scores St. Mirren's third goal against Aberdeen.

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LIVERPOOL

ON 23rd August, 1972, Frank Worthington scored the equaliser at Old Trafford on his Leicester debut.

Which must have been a great relief for the player — and a fitting reward for the club which 'took a chance' on him with £100,000.

For, during the close-season, Liverpool had been showing considerable interest in Huddersfield's forceful Under-23 striker — and were right on the point of signing him when a routine medical check revealed suspected high blood-pressure!

For six agonising weeks, it seemed Worthington's chance of the big-time — Huddersfield had just been relegated to the Second Division — had fallen at the very last hurdle.

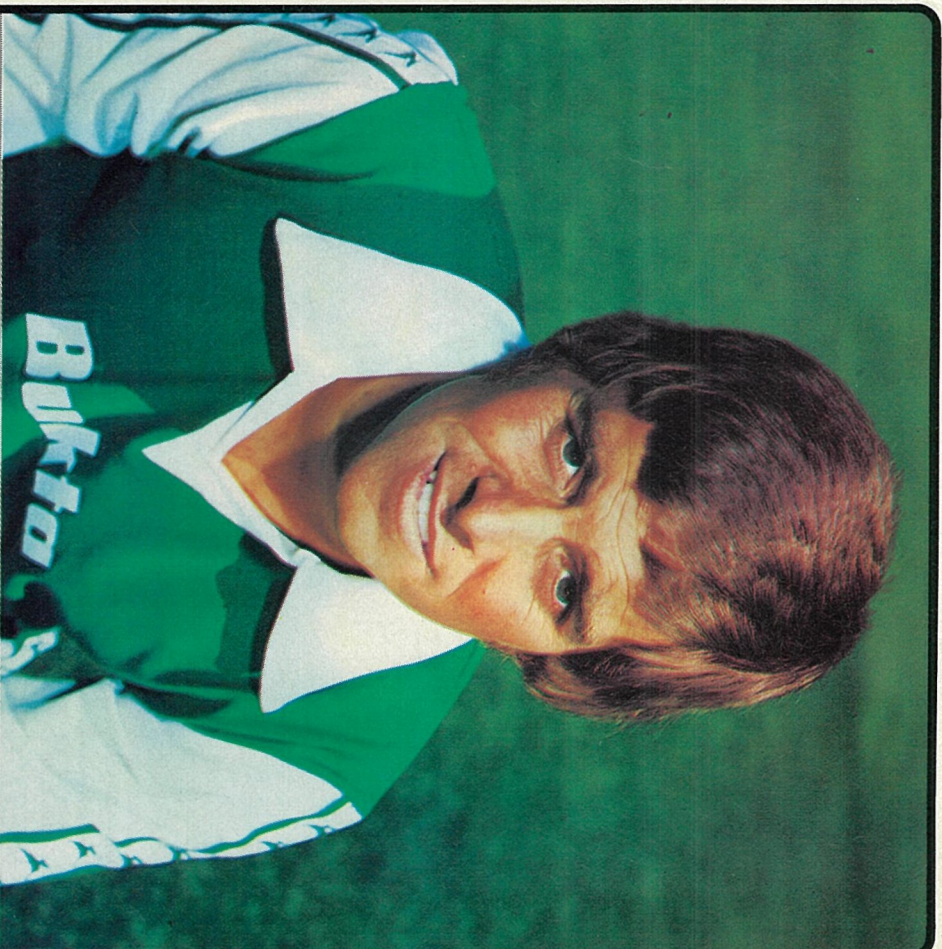
Until, that is, Leicester stepped in with a brave, if risky, decision to go ahead and sign their worthy Worthington — but one which eight full caps, and consistently good club performances, justified for several terms.

For personal reasons, however, Frank wanted a move from the Flibert Street club at the beginning of this season. His wish was granted when he joined Second Division Bolton Wanderers on a loan period at the end of September and immediately scored on his debut against Stoke City at Burnden Park.



**FRANK
WORTHINGTON**
Leicester City
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ALEX EDWARDS' EIGHT-WEEK BAN

THERE can be few more controversial characters in the game than Hibs midfielder Alex Edwards.

Alex has appeared before the Scottish F.A. Referee Committee for field offences so often the Hibs fans joke he is on first name terms with the men who dispense soccer justice North of the border.

But it was no joke for Edwards or Hibs when he came before the disciplinary body in early 1973 to answer a four-caution charge.

Because of Edwards' previous record the committee decided to get tough — and suspended him for no fewer than eight weeks.

They also made it clear that unless Edwards changed his ways any future appearances could result in an even stiffer punishment.

Fortunately, the warning has appeared to work for Alex is no longer Scottish football's 'bad boy'.

In fairness, Edwards appeared to be victimised by referees and opponents, who, knowing his reputation, went out of their way to antagonise him.

But Edwards has matured, and now turns the other cheek when an opponent attempts to force an adverse reaction from the wee midfielder.

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ENGLAND WALK-OUT

STAN Bowles has long been noted for giving defenders the slip — and he once did just that to manager Joe Mercer and the whole England team!

It was during the British Championship in May, 1974, and Bowles having scored his first England goal against Wales on the Saturday, took pique — and took off! — after being substituted by Frank Worthington in the Wembley game against the Irish four days later.

Gordon Jago, his manager at Q.P.R., offered to try to patch things up if only Bowles would return to the fold — but the reluctant striker remained strikingly reluctant.

STAN BOWLES
(Q.P.R.)



A BIG SURPRISE WHEN WILLIE SAID 'NEIN'

SCOTTISH fans in general couldn't quite believe it when they read during the close season Motherwell striker Willie Pettigrew had turned down a move to West German side St. Pauli.

Just a year before, Pettigrew looked West Germany-bound when Bayern Munich pressed the Fir Park club hard to sell their hottest property.

Pettigrew, too, seemed keen to accept a glamour move to the Continent, but Motherwell successfully fought off all advances for the Scotland striker — and persuaded him to sign a lucrative long term contract.

Then, just as it seemed as if the continual

transfer talk had come to an end, the rumours began again.

This time, though, reluctant, Motherwell were prepared to sell — until Willie said "nein".

Why the change of heart? There were a number of reasons for Pettigrew's rejection of Hamburger SV's local rivals.

Besides the language problem, Willie just didn't fancy St. Pauli's terms and decided to stay in Scotland.

So, Motherwell lost out on a quarter-of-a-million pound pay-off, much to the delight of manager Willie McLean and the fans.

Scottish League Cup and Glasgow Cup

PARTICK SUPERIOR

One of the greatest moments in the history of the Scottish League Cup was newly-promoted Partick Thistle's thrashing of star-struck Celtic in the 1971-72 Final. Celtic were then at the height of their power, being holders of the Scottish Cup and on their way that season to registering their seventh successive Scottish League Championship win as well as retaining the Scottish Cup.

But Jock Stein's boys received the shock of their lives at Hampden Park on October 23rd, 1971, when the young Partick Thistle side went into a two-goal lead in the first 14 minutes and were four up by half-time. Later in the game Celtic pulled one back but there was no doubting Partick's superior football this day. A 4-1 victory can't be a fluke. Skipper Alex Rae, Bobby Lawrie, Denis McQuade and Jimmy Bone were the scorers on Partick Thistle's glory day.

WONDER WINGERS

In 1938 East Fife won the Scottish Cup while in the Second Division. In 1947-48 they per-

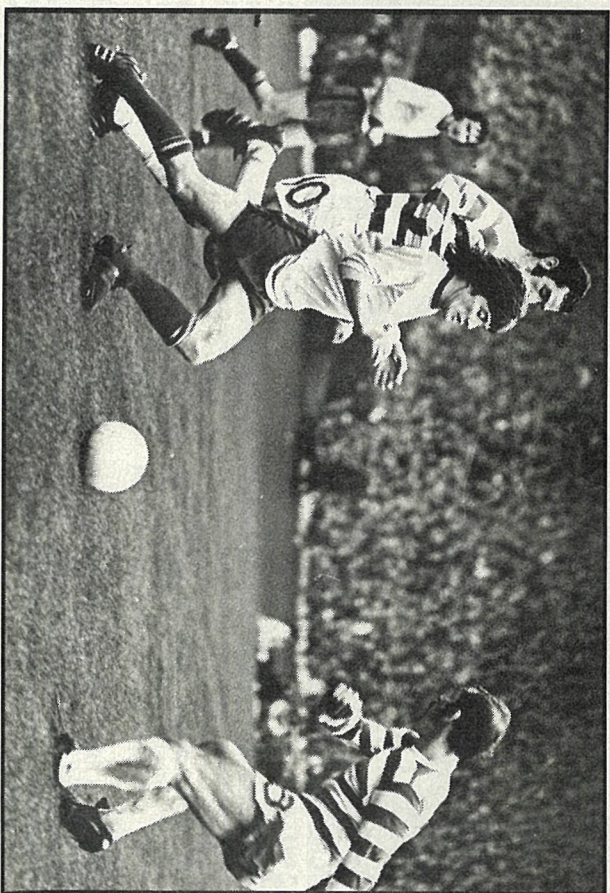
formed a similar feat — only this time it was in the Scottish League Cup! The Fifers were going great guns in the Second Division that season with centre-forward Henry Morris piloting on the goals to become leading scorer in either the Football or Scottish Leagues with a total of 41.

Added to this the Bayview Park side had one of the finest club pairs of goalscoring wingers in Scotland at this time — Jimmy Duncan and Tommy Adams. In the Quarter-Finals of the League Cup they beat Hearts 4-3, and in the Semi-Finals Aberdeen were defeated 1-0. In the Final they were first held to a goalless draw by Falkirk but beat them 4-1 in the replay with all their goals coming from those wingers, Duncan getting three and Adams one.

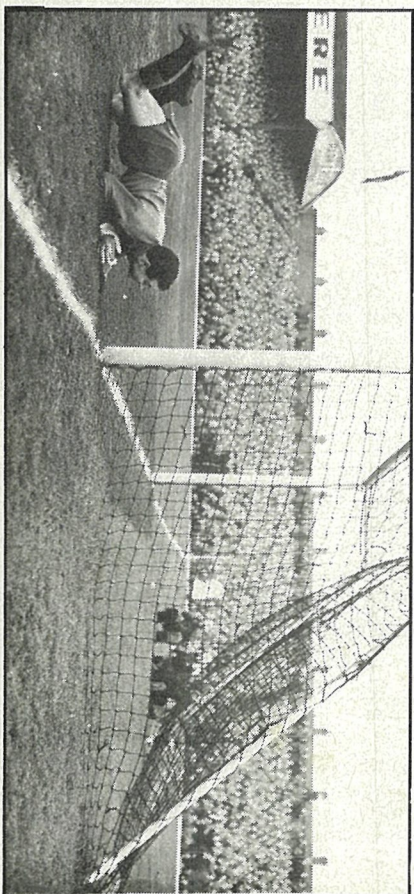
6-1 VICTORY

There was a sensation in Scotland in 1926-27 when in the Glasgow Cup Final, Partick Thistle held Rangers to a 2-2 draw at Ibrox Park. Thistle that season and were League Champions, but they did, however, restore some normality to the Glasgow soccer scene by confirming their superiority with a massive 6-1 victory in the replay.

Partick's John Gibson on the ball during their historic 4-1 Scottish League Cup Final win against Celtic.



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Italian keeper Bugatti is helpless as a shot from Peter McFarland enters the net for Northern Ireland's first goal.

ITALY SHOCKED

Sweden, coached by Englishman George Raynor, achieved a fantastic feat in the 1950 World Cup by beating the holders Italy 3-2, thanks to goals by Hasse Jeppson (2) and Sune Andersson. Jeppson later played for Charlton Athletic. They went on to finish third in the tournament behind Uruguay and Brazil.

BRAZIL LOSE

The final game of the 1950 World Cup certainly made history when the Brazilians, who needed only to draw to finish top of the final table (this competition was played throughout on a League basis) and were fully expected to hammer Uruguay, were surprisingly beaten. The Brazilians had beaten Mexico 4-0, Yugoslavia 2-0, Sweden 7-1 and Spain 6-1 (only a 2-2 draw with Switzerland had so far prevented a clean sweep), but in the game with Uruguay the home team's winning ways were held up largely by a superb display by the Uruguayan goalkeeper, Maspoli. It was no surprise when Brazil opened the scoring after the interval but instead of pressing home this advantage they allowed the Uruguayans to seize the initiative to equalise and then, with 11 minutes to spare Ghiggia shot the shock winner.

FOG-BOUND OFFICIALS

Northern Ireland qualifying for the Finals of the 1958 World Cup tournament was a sen-

sation indeed not only because they won through in Belfast by defeating a star-studded Italian team but because they played two games instead of only one against the Italians in the Northern Ireland capital. Actually the first game, played on December 4th, 1957, was declared unofficial before the kick-off because the referee and linesmen appointed by F.I.F.A. were fog-bound at London airport. This news came through too late to postpone the game as thousands were already converging on Windsor Park and when it was announced to the crowd it did not put them in a very good humour. But this was nothing to what followed, for after booing the Italians on to the field the Belfast crowd were treated to one of the most violent internationals ever seen.

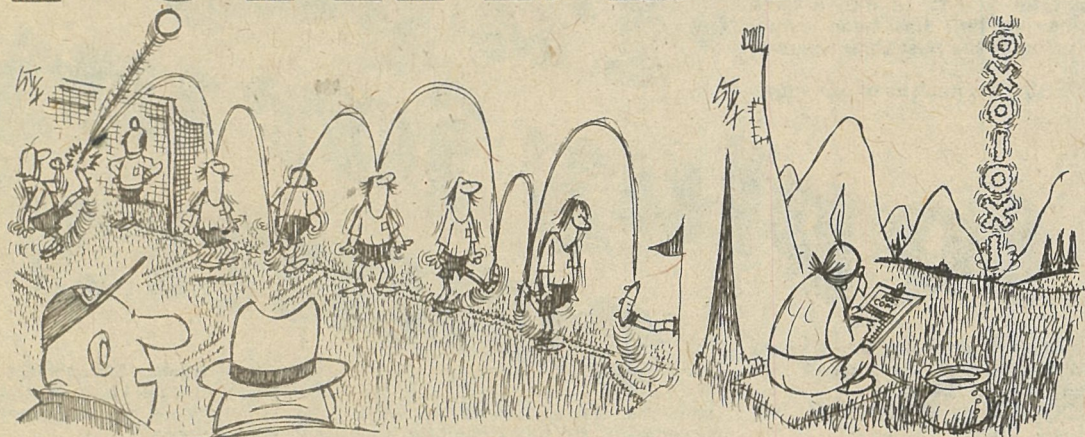
Fists were flying in several ugly scenes and when finally the Italian right-half, Chiappella, was ordered off after chasing half the length of the field to leap on Billy McAdams' back, it was fortunate for him he was able to reach the shelter of the dressing-room just before the final whistle which brought an invasion of the pitch and saw at least one Italian player grounded by an irate spectator. The result, incidentally was a draw 2-2.

When the match was replayed on January 15th Northern Ireland won through 2-1 in a game which was a complete contrast to the previous encounter. The Hungarian referee Mr. Istvan Zsolt stamped his authority on the match by sending-off one Italian in the first-half, but such was the feeling of goodwill on this occasion the Irish skipper begged with the referee for the Italian's recall, an appeal which fell on deaf ears. In the Final Tournament Northern Ireland won through to the Quarter-Finals before being eliminated by France.

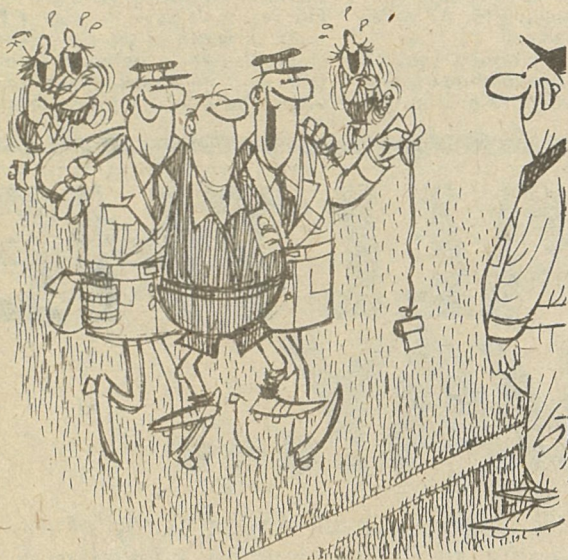
FOOTBALL FUNNIES



This week Aldershot's JOHN DUNGWORTH selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"Our set-piece for taking a corner seems to have developed a slight fault"



"He tripped over his whistle"



"I suppose there's a funny side to it somewhere — one shot in 90 minutes and we lose 1-0"



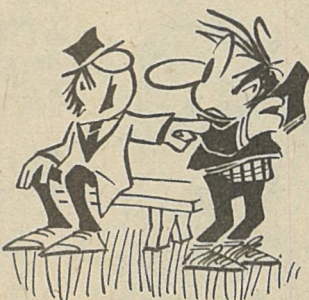
"If Jones hadn't missed that open goal — and if Brown hadn't headed wide — and if Smith hadn't missed that penalty — and if the ref hadn't been biased — we might have won"

NOBBY

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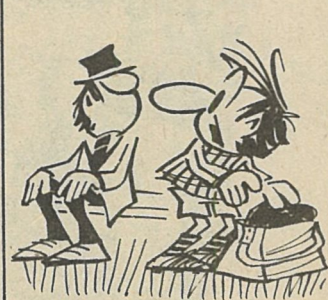
AND IF YOU CAN DO ANYTHING ABOUT THOSE GAPS IN OUR DEFENCE



AS FOR MIDFIELD, WE'RE NOT WINNING THE BALL AT ALL!



IS OUR GOALIE OKAY OR SHALL I TAKE MY CAP AND GLOVES?!



ON Wednesday, October 26th, Holland meet Belgium in the "crunch" game of Group Four. The Dutch have already beaten their neighbours away from home and are favourites to reach the World Cup Finals again. The Holland team hasn't changed too much since 1974, although the emergence of 21-year-old Jan Peters has given the already strong Dutch squad even more variations. England fans won't forget Jan's superb two-goal performance at Wembley last February. Yet even he isn't certain of a place next week as he explains in this interview with Bert Jongen.

SHOOT: Once again Holland must face Belgium in a World Cup-tie. You've had the edge over them in recent years... how confident are you this time?

PETERS: It will not be easy. Playing at home, one is expected to take the initiative and try to steal the show. Our main target is simply to win the game, and go to Argentina.

SHOOT: After Holland's display at Wembley, many England fans think the Dutch are unbeatable. Looking back, what did that game do for you, personally?

PETERS: It was very satisfying to score twice at such a famous ground. However, everything is relative. Wim van Hanegem couldn't play in that match, Willy van der Kerkhof was injured so I had a chance. Against Iceland in August, however, I was only a substitute.

SHOOT: Do you regard yourself as

established — or still breaking through?

PETERS: The latter. Holland have six or seven good midfield players for three positions. I must work hard to deserve a place in the side. **SHOOT:** How much does playing for your country mean to you?

PETERS: For me, it is a big honour to play for Holland. It implies I am one of the world's best players. I'd play even if I had to pay. Money doesn't really bother me, although it does some Dutch players.

SHOOT: Has it been easy or difficult for you to fit into a team whose pattern has been established over the past three years or so?

PETERS: The nucleus of our squad

has been together for seven years and newcomers like myself can easily fit into the style.

SHOOT: Who, in particular, has helped you?

PETERS: I feel much obliged to my AZ '67 team-mate Wim van Hanegem, who has been a great help to me. I think he is still one of the world's best players. When he left Feyenoord last year for AZ people thought he was past his best. Watching Wim now, I'd say

Jan Peters

AZ '67 and HOLLAND

'I'd pay to play for my country'

playing alongside top players, in European football. I believe AZ will play a significant role in European and world soccer.

SHOOT: Back to the national team — what is Holland's secret?

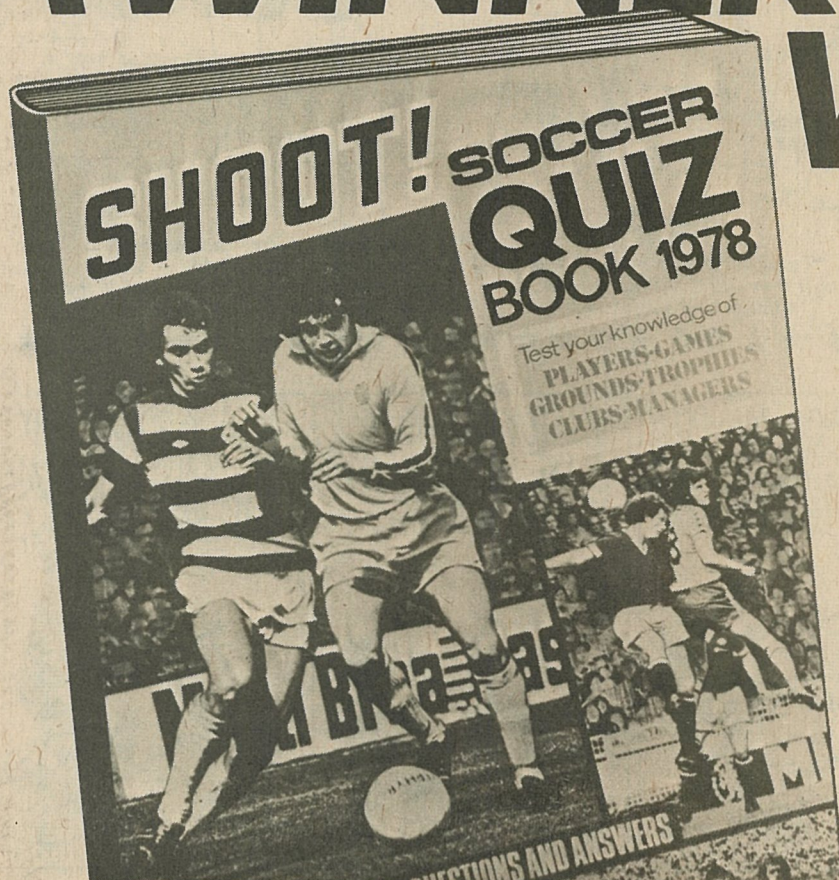
PETERS: (laughing) As a matter of fact we don't have any secret. Our main strength is we have world-class players in defence, in midfield and in attack. Most teams would be glad for just one such

he is even better than he was with Feyenoord. He has definitely justified his comeback to the national team and to me, it's obvious he should go with us to Argentina.

SHOOT: Will playing for AZ make you a better player?

PETERS: Without doubt, yes. AZ are more professional than my previous club, NEC of Nijmegen. I'm

A WINNER ALL THE WAY...



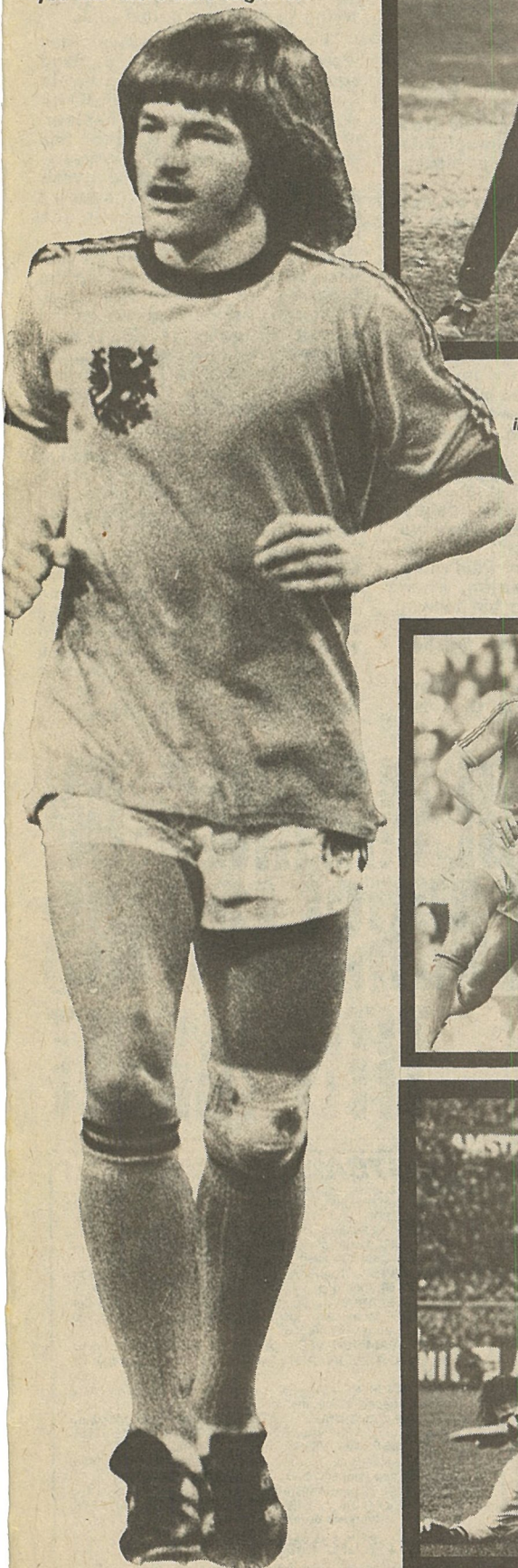
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player, but we have a few. In defence we have Rudi Krol . . . in the middle there is van Hanegem and Johan Neeskens . . . while up-front we have Robbie Rensenbrink and Johan Cruyff.

SHOOT: Holland don't play many games apart from competitive matches. You seem to get together and everything clicks into place. Why is this . . . and would you like more time together?



ABOVE . . . Rensenbrink and Neeskens training before an international. Holland's exiles don't need long together to build up an understanding.

BELOW . . . Wim van Hanegem has helped Jan a great deal.

BOTTOM . . . Johan Cruyff in action v. Belgium in November, 1973. The two countries clash again in the World Cup next week.



PETERS: To answer the first part, as I said before the side has been together for so long everyone knows each other. There's a very good atmosphere in the Dutch squad which contributes to our ultimate achievements. On the other hand, I DO think we should be together more. We should organise training-camps because so much is at stake. I'm not saying I'd particularly like it, but it would be better for the team.

SHOOT: How much of a disadvantage is it to have players in Spain, Belgium and France?

PETERS: It's not that bad. When Cruyff, Rep or Rensenbrink play they join the squad two days before the game, but that's enough for players of their quality.

SHOOT: How does the present team compare with the 1974 line-up?

PETERS: Well, there's not a great deal of difference, a nice mixture of experienced players and young talent. Our unity makes us perhaps even harder to beat now.

SHOOT: Holland have had a fair turnover of managers since '74. Do you think it is difficult to be manager of Holland? What are the problems?

PETERS: Yes, it is a hard job

because the manager has little opportunity to be with his players. As far as I know, Holland will have little chance to play together before Argentina after Belgium, assuming we win next week. However, it's not for me to interfere with the manager's tasks, that's up to our F.A. What I will say is we should be looking for a permanent boss who will stay for four or five years. What matters now is the short-term results. After Argentina, we must build up the squad realising the youngsters are the men for the future. They should have the openings at international level to keep Holland at the top.

SHOOT: If Holland reach Argentina, Cruyff has said he won't play. Do you think he'll change his mind? How effective will Holland be without him?

PETERS: I'm afraid Johan won't alter his decision. At the moment there are many bets being made in Holland about this, but I wouldn't part with any money. It's obvious we must do everything to keep Cruyff in our team. Having said that, we must consider the fact we could be without him. If that is the case it doesn't mean we have no chance of success. We shall have to look for another pattern to our game, with a shift of emphasis to the midfield. It's logical with players like Neeskens, van Hanegem and (laughing) perhaps myself.

SHOOT: Who are your favourites to win the World Cup?

PETERS: Generally speaking, the competition is won by a country from the Continent it's played in. Even so, I think West Germany have an excellent chance next year. Compared with Holland, their preparation is first-class. They had a successful tour of South America during June. In Holland we talk about whether or not Cruyff will play in the Finals. The Germans, on the other hand, are quite certain they'll be without Franz Beckenbauer (now with the Cosmos in the U.S.A.). They aren't making a fuss about this . . . the Germans are simply building up a new team. Maybe they haven't had any great achievements by their standards recently, but that means nothing. There are seven months to go before the Finals start. West Germany are ambitious, technically brilliant and their will-to-win is known everywhere. We Dutch know a thing or two about that.





A YEAR AGO, in October, 1976, Paul Mariner joined Ipswich from Plymouth Argyle — and in the period of 12 months has realised two of the three targets he set himself when he signed for the Portman Road club.

Paul aimed at a Championship medal, European football and an international cap for England. And though Ipswich failed to lift the title, they finished third to qualify for Europe — and he was selected to play for England against Luxembourg.

"I consider I've learned quite a lot since I first sampled Division One soccer," says Mariner. "And I'm still learning, not only here at

Ipswich, but from other players and managers in the game.

"Every time I turn out I hope to assimilate something which can be of help to me, and I notice moves made by opposing players. For example, when we met Liverpool at Ipswich, I was impressed by the way Kenny Dalglish shielded the ball when in possession — I've never seen anyone do it better.

"I also have a preference for the type of playing surface I think favours a forward over a defender, which is a wet one. On a rain-soaked pitch the forward has the advantage of making the first move against an opponent who has difficulty in turning.

"But I'm not really bothered about any conditions, though I do have a liking for particular grounds.

"My two favourite away pitches are Middlesbrough's Ayresome Park, and Stamford Bridge. It is not so much a matter of better turf at these places, but simply because I seem to do fairly well at Middlesbrough and Chelsea.

"Summing up my first year in Division One, I'm pleased at accomplishing what I wanted to do most when I came to Ipswich — this was to hold my own and gain a regular place in this class of football.

"Looking back, my biggest thrill was in scoring my first goal for Ipswich on my home debut, against West Bromwich, when we managed to get seven."

A disappointment for Paul came at the end of last season, when Ipswich failed in their bid to win the Championship, and Liverpool and Manchester City finished above them.

"Liverpool had the consistency, which they are

noted for, yet at Ipswich we'll be trying to collect a major trophy this season after our previous setbacks. It will mean a lot of hard work and we can't afford to relax."

But are Paul Mariner and Ipswich on course for the Championship?

"We certainly have a team which can achieve that success, with one of the best back-four defences in the country, plus a good midfield department," he says confidently. "And up-front, Trevor Whymark, Clive Woods and myself will be trying to chalk up some goals.

"I was delighted when they were called up for the England squad for the Luxembourg World Cup-tie, along with myself, Kevin Beattie and Brian Talbot. That is an indication what this club has achieved over the past few years.

"I don't believe in setting myself a personal goals target though I plan to be up there among the leading scorers."

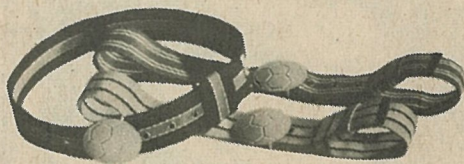
Apart from his loyalty to Ipswich, Mariner keeps an eye on the progress of his former club, Plymouth Argyle, for whom he scored 20 goals in 46 League appearances in his last full season.

With Plymouth his goalscoring partner was Billy Rafferty, now with Third Division Carlisle.

"Billy and I helped each other when we played together, and I'm certain about one thing — he is too good for Third Division football, and I hope better days are ahead for him and Carlisle."

For himself, Paul is looking ahead to more U.E.F.A. Cup soccer, after their emphatic First Round triumph over Landskrona. And he concludes: "Games against Continental sides broaden the outlook of British players. For our fans, it is an opportunity to enjoy the different style of foreign clubs."

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Spanish Press kick-out Miljanic

MILJAN MILJANIC'S resignation as manager of Real Madrid was hardly a surprise, though his departure after just one game of the 1977-78 season sets a new Spanish record for the earliest managerial change.

As I've been reporting since last Christmas, Miljanic's head had been well and truly on the chopping-block following Real's dismal League, Cup and European Cup performances, and everyone expected the Yugoslav to receive his marching orders at the end of last season.

Surprisingly, the Real president, Santiago Bernabeu persuaded the directors to give Miljanic, 47, a vote of confidence, and the manager looked forward to starting the new season with "a clean slate".

But things didn't work out. The Madrid Press had been waging open war on Miljanic for almost a year, and when Real lost their opening fixture against Salamanca they really let rip. Dejected, Miljanic decided he couldn't continue his work in such a hostile atmosphere and resigned.

Most of the Real squad were upset by the decision, though team

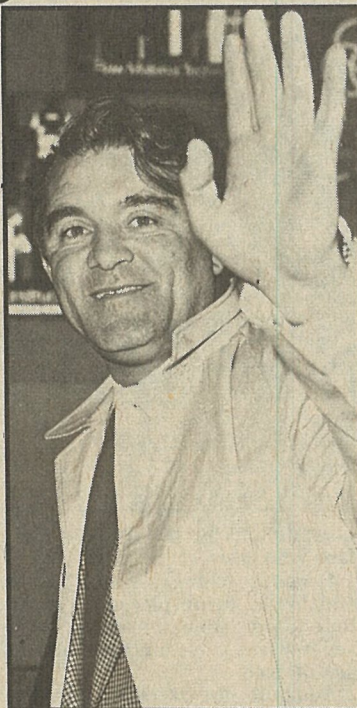
captain Pirri realistically remarked: "Unfortunately, it's probably the best thing in the long run. Miljanic is a good man, but the pressure has been building up so much he just can't take any more. And the players are so anxious to produce results for him we can't relax and play our natural game. His departure will take a lot of pressure off us..."

I can't help but feel sympathy for the likeable Miljanic, who joined Real in 1974 after leading Yugoslavia to the World Cup Finals. His first two years in Madrid were all wine and roses as Real sped to two League wins and one Spanish Cup victory.

Last season fortune turned its back on Real, and they finished a disappointing ninth in the League. Miljanic's earlier successes were instantly forgotten, and his departure became just a matter of time.

As I predicted last Christmas, Miljanic's successor is ex-Real player and Miljanic's assistant, Luis Molowny. Real greeted his arrival with a convincing 3-0 win over Sevilla.

Meanwhile, Miljanic is still looking for a job.



AN American star was killed in a road accident recently. He is 20-year-old Miro Rys of the Los Angeles Aztecs, who had won eight caps for the U.S.A. He was on his way to West Berlin to discuss a contract with Hertha...

And then there was one...

THERE IS just one foreign star left playing in the Italian League... 36-year-old Brazilian Sergio Clerici of Rome club Lazio.

The Italian authorities have refused to re-open their borders to foreign players (they were closed in 1963). However, there is growing pressure from the clubs and it is possible there will be a change after the next World Cup.

FOR THOSE who weren't in the know, God is a Colo Colo supporter — at least, that's the version offered by Chilean priest Father Manuel Acuna.

"I was undecided," he explains, "as to which club merited my allegiance. Strictly I should support Universidad Catolica (the Catholic University) but God is always with the poor and guided my steps toward Colo Colo."

He obviously follows them religiously and sounds like a good man of the cross... bar!

GERMANS' BONUS

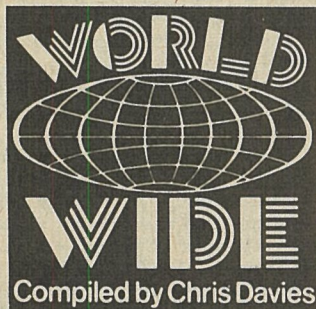
ACCORDING to West German papers, bonuses for the German players during the World Cup Finals has already been worked out.

Each player will receive: £2,300 for participation; £2,300 if they reach the Quarter-Finals; £3,000 if they reach the Semi-Finals... and £3,000 if they retain their title.

THE U.S.A. national team has won its first-ever international competition, against teams from Colombia, Peru and Ecuador in the Soccer Festival of the Americas.

The Americans won all three of their games, scoring eight goals. Their best game was a 2-1 victory over Alianza of Peru, which included several Peruvian national players.

DEINZE and Berchem Sport drew 0-0 in the Belgian Cup after extra-time, so penalties would decide who won through. Each side had five-spot kicks and Berchem won 2-0... which means no less than EIGHT penalties were missed!



AFTER five League programmes in Austria — that is, 25 matches — 71 yellow cards had been shown!

DINAMO Tbilisi, the team from Georgia in the U.S.S.R., are having an attendance boom with an average of 66,800 fans at their last ten home games.

World's Press in Argentina

BRAZIL will win the World Cup hands down... if you go by the number of media-men they're sending to cover the great event. Of the 5,500 journalists who'll be in Argentina next year, no fewer than 496 will be Brazilians. West Germany are their nearest rivals — they'll be sending a contingent of 343.

The British party is number three with 237 (SHOOT will be there, of course) just one ahead of the United States, who are sending a surprisingly large contingent of 236 journalists.

DIXIE IS STILL ON THE GOAL TRAIL

DIXIE DEANS (right), the former Motherwell, Celtic, Partick and Luton Town striker, is doing exceptionally well Down Under in Australia with Adelaide City.

Despite missing the first eight games — plus another match and a half through injury — Dixie was top scorer in the Phillips Soccer League with 14 goals.

He has become a big favourite with the crowds, who love his no-nonsense exuberance.

When he joined City, they were struggling, but they have now risen to fourth place with some excellent gates.

However, the national League, in its inaugural season, hasn't been entirely successful as gates in the "soccer capital" of Sydney have been disappointing. Top-of-the-table Eastern Suburbs attracted just 1,500 fans while on the same day Adelaide had 4,600 — their lowest of the season.



Which colour?

FORMER Switzerland star Karl Odermatt (50 caps) who now plays with Young Boys in Berne, received a huge bunch of white flowers before the game against Grasshoppers... his 350th League match.

However, there were no celebrations after the game as Odermatt was sent-off following a foul.

Young Boys boss Kurt Linder remarked: "We should have given him RED flowers to remind him of the colour of the cards referees keep in their pockets."

WHEN West Germany beat Finland in Helsinki recently (1-0) it wasn't the only confrontation of the two countries. Finnair beat the German airline team from Lufthansa — called FC Jumbo! — 5-0, while a side from the Finnish Navy defeated a team from a German minesweeper 6-5.

IT WAS NO surprise that IA Akranes won the title in Iceland as it was their third win in four years. However, few people expected KR Reykjavik to be relegated... they hold the Icelandic record of 20 Championships.

No pay if Mexico lose

IF MEXICO don't qualify for Argentina (they're playing their ties now), the manager, Jose Antonio Roca, won't receive a penny — or rather a centavo. The terms of his contract include "an attractive bonus" if Mexico win their way through the CONCACAF play-off and a not-so-attractive zero if they don't!

Roca explains: "It isn't as bad as it sounds. In the meantime I'm still working as manager of Atletico Espanol, and they pay me well. In any case, I'm confident we'll qualify for Argentina."

'THE RED PLAGUE'

As you might have expected, the majority of letters I've received lately concern the fans, or rather hooligan fringe, who've dragged Manchester United's glorious and respected name through the gutters of Britain and Europe.

Everyone at Old Trafford, including our genuine supporters, hate them and wish this red plague could be wiped out forever.

For the last two seasons, United have won the Fair Play League. We are the best-behaved, cleanest team in the land, yet a very small minority of people — and I hesitate to use that word — have damaged our reputation.

Because of them, the name Manchester United is feared. Cities and towns dread our arrival because of the trouble we attract in their streets and on the terraces at soccer stadiums.

A few months ago in SHOOT I suggested the posting to a penal battalion of louts caught misbehaving at football grounds.

I read recently the former Deputy Chief Constable of Birmingham has a similar idea . . . discipline camps, surrounded by barbed wire. Inside, offenders would be forced to do physical work, under strict supervision.

Why not give it a try? Or even this suggestion from a friend of mine.

He would like to see all offenders pulled out during a game paraded in front of the crowd at the end of the match and birched!

I bet that would soon deter the hooligans from coming into our grounds. But I don't suppose for one moment the so-called "do gooders" would allow anything like that to happen.

No need for me to remind readers that as a result of crowd riots during United's European Cup-Winners' Cup-tie in St.-Etienne, we were almost kicked-out of the competition.

United's fans were held totally responsible for the fighting in the stadium, which caused extensive damage and ended with over 50 people being taken to hospital, some with very serious injuries.

I saw what happened and feel I



must defend the majority of United fans who were at the game.

I was watching a junior match which was being played as a prelude to our game and looked up to see our fans . . . a tiny red band in a sea of green.

Suddenly the French supporters started pelting them with bread and milk cartons. Then a barrier broke and the crowd tumbled down the terraces.

The riot squads moved in and began lashing out indiscriminately.

As one letter from Melton Mowbray, signed, simply "Stretford Enders" said . . . "we did not start it. We were provoked, kicked, sworn at and spat on. We agree that the trouble in the streets was caused by some of our fans, but most were innocent and in good humour. We are sorry if we've given Manchester United a bad name."

I saw young lads of 15, with blood streaming from the wounds, being thrown out of the stadium. They didn't look like thugs to me. Or the women of about 40 who was being roughly handled by the police.

We feared the worst when

Above: Gordon scores from the penalty-spot against Coventry this season.

Right: United fans involved in the pitched battle before the Cup-Winners' Cup-tie against St.-Etienne in France.

U.E.F.A. called an immediate inquiry into the incidents, but didn't expect to get a ban.

It was a hasty decision and like everyone at the club I had a feeling the second-leg would go on. And it did, following United's appeal and support from all over Europe.

The fact we had to play the match over 125 miles from Old Trafford at Plymouth Argyle certainly didn't win approval from the players, but at least the game took place . . . and we won!

Not all my letters were about unruly fans, though. One from John Grahame, who lives in Luton, wants to know how a Cockney like me survives in Manchester.

With difficulty, John. The people are great, but it took a while to be accepted by the players.

With such a mixture of Norther-

my soccer scene

GORDON HILL



Coronation

I've read that my favourite club, Arsenal, played in the Coronation Cup in 1953. What was this, and what were the results?

JOHN CARTER,
NOTTINGHAM

● The Coronation Cup wasn't a regular competition, John, but a "one-off-affair" to commemorate the crowning of the Queen in June, 1953.

Four leading teams from England, and four from Scotland, competed for a special trophy.

It was played on a knock-out basis and, in the opening round, Celtic beat Arsenal 1-0; Hibernian beat Spurs 2-1 in a replay after a 1-1 draw; Manchester United beat Rangers 2-1; and Newcastle beat Aberdeen 4-0.

In the Semi-Finals, Celtic beat Man-

chester United 2-1, while Hibernian disposed of Newcastle 4-0.

Then, in the all-Scottish Final — played to a 117,000 crowd at Hampden Park — Celtic beat Hibs 2-0.

Man. United v. Leeds

Can you settle an argument about the scores in Manchester United's games with Leeds the season they were relegated?

J. Le FLEM,
JERSEY.

● It was a 0-0 draw at Elland Road on 22nd September, 1973; while goals from Mick Jones and Joe Jordan gave Leeds a 2-0 win at Old Trafford the following 9th February.

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Goal-proof

My father and I are both ardent Queen's Park fans, and we'd like to know about that famous unbeaten run they had in their early days.

ALAN WILDE,
GLASGOW

● Well, Alan, they didn't even have a goal scored against them for the first seven years of their existence!

True, by modern standards, only a comparatively few games were played in those pioneer seasons — but it was still a pretty remarkable record.

Queen's Park played their first match — against the forerunners of the present Partick Thistle — on 1st May, 1868.

Inevitably, they won — and kept on winning.

Vale of Leven were the club to put an

EUROPE DREAMS'

ners, Irishmen and Scotsmen at Old Trafford it was like a foreign country for a while.

Although my wife Jackie and I have settled down up here, we naturally miss our families and friends.

There is definitely resentment up here towards Southerners. The North v. South battle is real, all right.

Many players have moved from the North to Southern clubs without any difficulty, but it rarely works the other way round.

Colin Wainwright, from Birkenhead, asks if I think wingers will come back to football.

With more and more clubs com-

mitted to attack, the've got to, Colin.

Defensive tactics of recent years knocked wingers on the head. Now they are gradually returning. At the moment we've stars such as Leighton James (Derby), John Robertson (Forest), Peter Barnes (Man. City), Dave Thomas (Everton), Steve Heighway (Liverpool) and of course, my own team-mate Stevie Coppell, leading the winger revival.

Arsenal beat United 3-2 in the Second Round of the League Cup at Highbury this season. That defeat prompted Elaine Tyrell from Macclesfield to write . . . "Why haven't United done better in the League Cup? Don't you WANT to

win it?"

Obviously we'd be delighted if we won the trophy, Elaine. But certainly the League Cup doesn't motivate us as much as the Championship race, the F.A. Cup or European football. It hasn't the appeal or tradition.

Remember, Liverpool haven't shone in the tournament, either, but I bet few of their fans care.

Impressed

"Which player has impressed you most this season so far?" asks Mike Preston from Norwich.

I can't say that one individual has particularly impressed me, Mike. However, a TEAM has . . . Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest.

Without any real stars, Peter Shilton apart, Forest have taken the First Division by the scruff of the neck and made a few people sit up and take notice. With Cloughie and Tommy Docherty now just a few miles apart, things could be hotting up in that area of the Midlands.

Since Gerry Daly left United for Derby County, I've been our penalty-taker. Andrew Pearce from Birmingham wants to know if I have any special technique.

I have, Andrew, but I'd like to keep it hush-hush. You never know how many goalkeepers might read this column.

Stan Taylor, a Leeds supporter

who lives in Bradford, wants to know if I in fact scored United's goal against his club at Elland Road a few weeks ago. Some newspapers gave it as a Trevor Cherry own goal.

I'm claiming it, Stan, as it was a very close decision.

Lou Macari smashed the ball across the face of the goal. I dived in with Trevor and the next thing we knew the ball was in the net.

I'm sure I got a touch just before Trevor.

This Saturday (October 22nd) United are away at West Brom. They beat us 4-0 at The Hawthorns last term.

We got a real pasting. Everything Albion hit towards our goal went in . . . it was one of those games.

Although Ronnie Allen has got the team buzzing, they'll find United tougher opposition this time. In fact I'm really confident of taking both points home.

Cheers for now . . .

Gordon Hill



The goal Gordon is claiming v. Leeds at Elland Road.

end to Queen's Park's great run on two counts. On 16th January, 1875, they became the first team to score against them — and, on 30th September, 1876, the first Scottish side to beat them.

Kop that!

I know Liverpool have been League Champions a record ten times — but in which seasons?

GARY WEST, PRESTON

● First time off was in 1900-01, Gary, followed by more triumphs in 1905-06, 1921-22, and 1922-23.

Then came a long gap until the first post-War League season of 1946-47 — and then another wait until 1963-64 and 1965-66.

After that, it was all-go for the title in 1972-73, 1975-76, and 1976-77.

Any bets on a 1977-78 hat-trick?

SHORT PASSES

● In Moscow Dynamos' famous tour of Britain in November, 1945, they beat Cardiff 10-1 and Arsenal 4-3; and drew 3-3 with Chelsea and 2-2 with Glasgow Rangers.

(ANDREW CALTHORPE, Southampton)

● George Best scored six goals in Manchester United's 8-2 F.A. Cup win at Northampton on 7th February, 1970.

(IAN JONES, Brighton)

● Villa goalkeeper Jimmy Rimmer made his full England debut in the 3-2 win over Italy in New York on 28th May, 1976.

(ANDREW METCALF, Darlington)

● Frank Stapleton was born in Dublin, and joined Arsenal from school on 24th September, 1973.

(ANGELA MACKENZIE, North Cheam)

● Preston won the first League Championship (1888-89) without losing a game; the same season they won the F.A. Cup without conceding a goal.

(MICHAEL PARKER, Preston)

Aztec Charlie

Has Charlie Cooke ever played for any other club than Chelsea?

ZACH MAJE, JERSEY

● Charlie first signed pro. for Aberdeen in his native Scotland in 1960, and then moved on to Dundee, before joining Chelsea in April, 1966, Zach.

Crystal Palace signed him in October, 1972, but he returned to Chelsea 16 months later.

The last two summers Cooke has also been playing in America for Los Angeles Aztecs.

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.



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compiled by John Pyke

MANCHESTER City have been early leaders of the First Division this term, but just how much City's new £300,000 signing Mike Channon (right) from Southampton in the close-season has contributed to this happy state of affairs is too soon to say.

But Channon, after spending many years at The Dell, has settled well into the City side. The one blot on the Maine Road team this season has been their dismissal at the first attempt in the U.E.F.A. Cup, and this at the hands of a Polish team who were bottom of their League at the time.

An attack of Brian Kidd, Dennis Tueart and Channon should ensure City supporters will not lack entertainment this season. A defence with England centre-back Dave Watson and Scotland defender Willie Donachie will make life difficult for opposing attacks. Giant Joe Corrigan is one of the best goalkeepers in the game.



MANCHESTER CITY

Skipper Mike Doyle (below, right) in action against West Ham at Upton Park.



MANAGER Tony Book (left) was a player with Bath City in the Southern League before joining Plymouth Argyle and making his League debut at 28 under the then manager Malcolm Allison. When Allison went to Manchester City as coach Tony Book soon followed for a £17,000 transfer fee.

At the age of 33, Book skippered City to the League Championship in 1967-68. A year later he led City to an F.A. Cup Final victory v Leicester City and in the 1969-70 season to victories in the European Cup-Winners' Cup and League Cup.

Tony retired at the end of the 1972-73 season and in April, 1974, took over as manager. Under his leadership, City won the League Cup in the 1975-76 season.

RECORD VICTORY:
11-3 v Lincoln City, Division Two,
March 23rd,
1895.

**MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A
SEASON:**
62 in Division Two, 1946-47.

RECORD DEFEAT:
1-9 v Everton, Division One,
September 3rd, 1906.

**HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A
SEASON:**
Tommy Johnson 38 in Division
One, 1928-29.

THE CITY RECORD SINCE 1960-61

(C — League Champions; P — Promoted; R — Relegated; W — Winners; F — Finalists; S/F — Semi-Finalists; Q/F — Quarter-Finalists; E — European Cup; C — Cup-Winners' Cup; U — U.E.F.A. or Fairs Cup; DNC — Did not compete)

SEASON	LEAGUE Division & Placing	F.A. CUP Round Reached	LEAGUE CUP Round Reached	EUROPE Round Reached
1960-61	1 — 13th	4th	3rd	DNC
1961-62	1 — 12th	4th	1st	DNC
1962-63	1 — 21st (R)	5th	5th	DNC
1963-64	2 — 6th	3rd	S/F	DNC
1964-65	2 — 11th	3rd	2nd	DNC
1965-66	2 — 1st (P)	Q/F	3rd	DNC
1966-67	1 — 15th	Q/F	3rd	DNC
1967-68	1 — 1st (C)	4th	4th	DNC
1968-69	1 — 13th	W	3rd	1st (E)
1969-70	1 — 10th	4th	W	W (C)
1970-71	1 — 11th	5th	2nd	S/F (C)
1971-72	1 — 4th	3rd	3rd	DNC
1972-73	1 — 11th	5th	3rd	1st (U)
1973-74	1 — 14th	4th	F	DNC
1974-75	1 — 8th	3rd	3rd	DNC
1975-76	1 — 8th	4th	W	DNC
1976-77	1 — 2nd	5th	2nd	1st (U)

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BACK ROW (left to right): Paul Power, Colin Bell, Joe Corrigan, Keith MacRae, Willie Donachie, Peter Barnes.

MIDDLE ROW: Tony Book (manager), Tony Henry, Kenny Clements, Tommy Booth, Dave Watson, Joe Royle, Bill Taylor (coach).

FRONT ROW: Roy Bailey (asst-physio), Jimmy Conway, Gerard Keegan, Brian Kidd, Mike Doyle, Gary Owen, Dennis Tueart, Asa Hartford, Fred Griffiths (physio).



SHOOT!



continued

PEN-PICTURES

(L.App: — League Appearances; G: — Goals; S: — Substitutes; All records to end of the 1976-77 season)

PETER BARNES: Winger who came up through the City youth sides to sign professional in July, 1974. An England Under-21 international and the son of City chief scout Ken Barnes. Born Manchester. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.4. L.App: — 46 and 6 sub. G: — 6.

COLIN BELL: Midfielder star who missed all of last season through injury and has now been out of the first team since November, 1975. Colin is fighting his way back to full fitness in the reserves. An England Under-23 player who has 48 full England caps. Signed from Bury for £45,000 in March, 1966. Born Hesleden. Ht. 5.11½. Wt. 11.6½. L.App: — Bury 82, Man. City 367. G: — Bury 25, Man. City 115.

TOMMY BOOTH: Equally at home in midfield or defence and is an England Under-23 international who signed professional for City in August, 1967. Born Manchester. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 11.12½. L.App: — 264 and 2 sub. G: — 22.

MIKE CHANNON: Striker Mike cost City £300,000 in July, 1977 when they signed the England star from Southampton. An England Under-23 star who has gone on to win 45 full caps. Born Orcheston. Ht. 6.0½. Wt. 11.6. L.App: — Southampton 388 and 4 sub. G: — 155.

KEN CLEMENTS: Defender who played as an amateur for three seasons before signing professional in July, 1975. Born Manchester. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 12.6. L.App: — 61 and 1 sub.

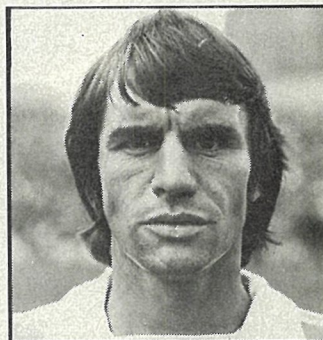
JIMMY CONWAY: Midfield player signed from Fulham for £40,000 in the summer of 1976. Has 19 full caps for the Republic of Ireland. Born Dublin. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.9. L.App: — Fulham 299 and 4 sub. Man. City 11 and 2 sub. G: — Fulham 66, Man. City 1.

JOE CORRIGAN: At 6ft. 4½ins. Joe must be one of the tallest goalkeepers in the game. Spotted in club trials in 1965, he signed professional in January, 1967. An England Under-23 international who has one full cap when he came on as substitute v Italy in May, 1976. Born Manchester. Ht. 6ft. 4½. Wt. 15.11½. L.App: — 249.

WILLIE DONACHIE: Defender who is a leading star in Scotland's international team. Signed professional for City in December, 1968. A Scottish Under-23 with 25 full caps at the start of this season. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.3. L.App: — 251 and 4 sub. G: — 2.



Brian Kidd scores City's only goal v Juventus in last term's U.E.F.A. Cup-tie at Maine Road. Juventus won the return 2-0 in Italy to go through. England stopper Dave Watson (left). Former West Brom star now at City — Asa Hartford (below).



TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1972-73	Francis Lee	14
	Rodney Marsh	14
1973-74	Francis Lee	10
1974-75	Colin Bell	15
1975-76	Dennis Tueart	14
1976-77	Brian Kidd	21

MIKE DOYLE: Defender and club skipper who signed professional in May, 1964. England Under-23 international and has five full caps. Born Manchester. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 11.9. L.App: — 428 and 7 sub. G: — 32.

ASA HARTFORD: Midfielder with a tremendous work-rate. Cost £225,000 when signed from West Bromwich Albion in August, 1974. A Scottish Under-23 international with 18 full caps. Born Clydebank. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.6. L.App: — W.B.A. 206 and 8 sub. Man. City 108 and 1 sub. G: — W.B.A. 18, Man. City 15.

GED KEEGAN: Midfielder and a England Under-21 international. Born Little Horton, Yorkshire. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.2. L.App: — 28 and 3 sub. G: — 2.

BRIAN KIDD: Striker who cost £100,000 when signed from Arsenal in July, 1976. Scored and won a European Cup winners' medal when with Manchester United in 1968. An England Under-23 international who won two full caps. Born Manchester. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.12. L.App: — Man. Utd 195 and 8 sub. Arsenal 77, Man. City 39. G: — Man. Utd 52, Arsenal 30, Man. City 21.



GARY OWEN: Midfielder and an England Under-21 international who signed professional for City in July, 1975. Born St. Helens. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 9.9. L.App: — 34 and 1 sub. G: — 1.

PAUL POWER: Midfielder who played as an amateur for the club for three seasons whilst at University. Born Manchester. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 10.13. L.App: — 41 and 7 sub. G: — 3.

DENNIS TUEART: Winger who started his career with Sunderland before joining City for £275,000 in March, 1974. An England Under-23 international with six full caps. Born Newcastle. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.0. L.App: — Sunderland 173 and 9 sub. Man. City 122 and 1 sub. G: — Sunderland 46, Man. City 47.

DAVE WATSON: Central-defender and England regular in that position. Cost £200,000 when signed from Sunderland in June, 1975. Started this season with 25 full caps. Born Nottingham. Ht. 5.11½. Wt. 11.7. L.App: — Notts Co 22 and 1 sub, Rotherham 121, Sunderland 177, Man. City 72. G: — Notts Co 1, Rotherham 19, Sunderland 27, Man. City 3.

LEAGUE FIXTURES

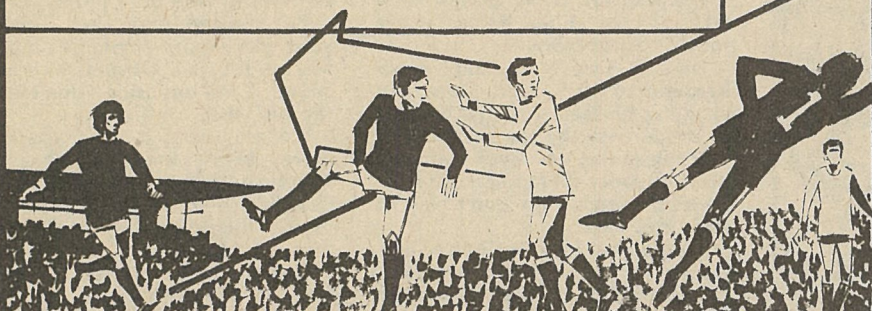
Date	Opponents	Ground
1977		
Aug		
20—	Leicester C	H
24—	Aston Villa	A
27—	West Ham	A
Sept		
3—	Norwich C	H
10—	Manchester Utd	H
17—	Q.P.R.	A
24—	Bristol C	H
Oct		
1—	Everton	A
4—	Coventry C	A
8—	Arsenal	H
15—	Nottingham F	A
22—	Wolverhampton W	H
29—	Liverpool	H
Nov		
5—	Ipswich T	A
12—	Leeds U	H
19—	West Bromwich	A
26—	Chelsea	H
Dec		
3—	Derby Co	A
10—	Birmingham C	H
17—	Leeds U	A
26—	Newcastle U	H
27—	Middlesbrough	A
31—	Aston Villa	H
1978		
Jan		
2—	Leicester City	A
14—	West Ham	H
21—	Norwich C	A
Feb		
4—	Manchester Utd	A
11—	Q.P.R.	H
18—	Bristol C	A
25—	Everton	H
Mar		
4—	Arsenal	A
11—	Nottingham F	H
18—	Wolverhampton W	A
21—	Liverpool	A
25—	Middlesbrough	H
27—	Newcastle U	A
Apr		
1—	Ipswich T	H
8—	Chelsea	A
15—	West Bromwich	H
22—	Birmingham C	A
25—	Coventry C	H
29—	Derby Co	H

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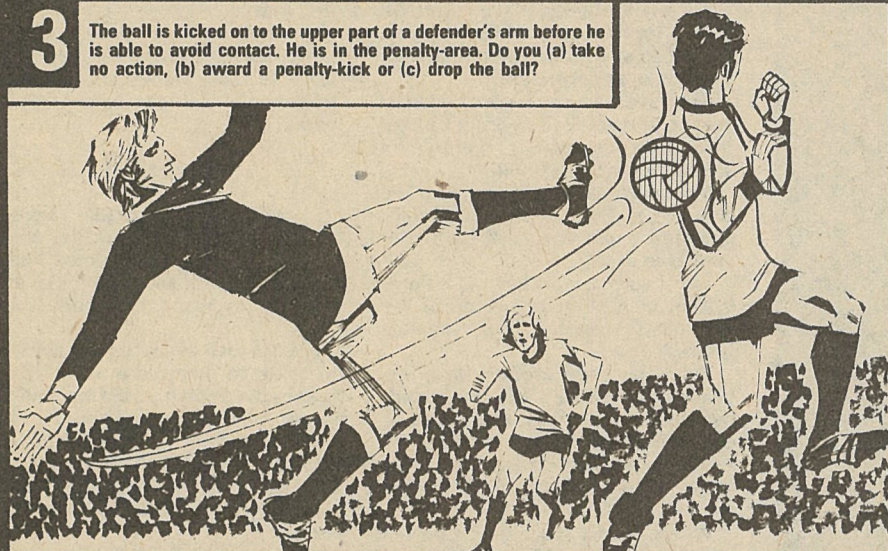
1 You see a defender attempting to push an opponent in the penalty-area when the ball is kicked over the goal by an attacker. The defender does not make contact. Do you (a) restart with a goal-kick, (b) award a penalty-kick or (c) caution the player and award an indirect free-kick?



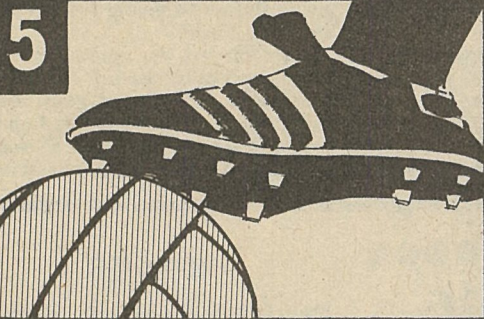
2 At the end of a match the losing team's captain complains that you allowed the opponents to kick-off at the start of both halves. You realise he is correct. Do you (a) play the second-half-again, (b) declare the match void or (c) report your error to the appropriate authority?



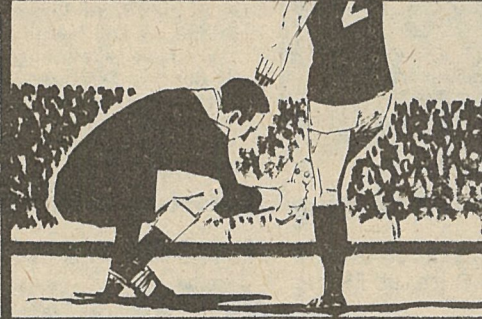
3 The ball is kicked on to the upper part of a defender's arm before he is able to avoid contact. He is in the penalty-area. Do you (a) take no action, (b) award a penalty-kick or (c) drop the ball?



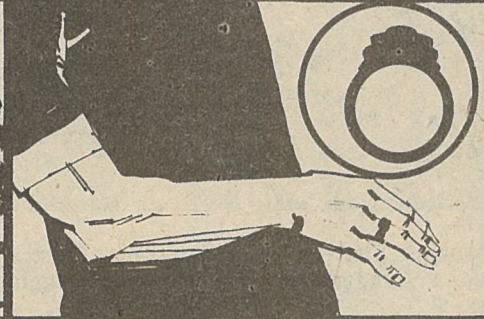
4 For a friendly match both teams agree to use up to six substitutes. Do you (a) agree, (b) insist on a maximum of five or (c) set the limit at two?



A: After a player has complained about stud injuries you find an opponent wearing boots having 12 studs of $\frac{3}{8}$ inch diameter. You dismiss him for wearing dangerous equipment.



B: Later he appears on the touch-line wearing different boots which you approve. You allow him to play.



C: The same player is then found to be wearing a ring which you consider is dangerous. You order him to remove it and allow him to stay in the match.
(Where is the problem?)

ANSWERS:

1. Restart with a goal-kick (a). Attempting to push an opponent is not an offence. 2. You should report the matter (c). 3. Take no action (a) because the ball was not handled intentionally. 4. Law 3 allows up to five in a friendly match if both teams agree. (b). 5. The problem is in A. Law 4 (c) allows boots with studs of $\frac{3}{8}$ inch diameter if there is a maximum of ten on each boot. In B you have taken the correct action in allowing a player to continue after satisfying yourself that his playing equipment is not dangerous. In C the action taken is again correct.

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'CHELSEA MUST



"Micky Droy has been a tower of strength in our defence this season."

INDIFFERENT . . . that's how I'd describe Chelsea's return to the First Division. Overall, I'm not TOO disappointed at the way things have gone, although naturally I'm particularly upset at dropping some home points.

Occasionally we've played fairly well . . . at other times, either terribly or superbly.

Division One is certainly much harder than the Second. More than anything Chelsea must find the sort of consistency the top sides have.

For instance, wherever Liverpool play you fancy them to take at least a point, even if they don't play to their true form.

People may look at Chelsea and say we've had a poor start compared with the other promoted clubs Nottingham Forest and Wolves.

Forest, certainly, have gone off like a bomb and while I didn't expect to see them doing that well, I'm not over-surprised.

They seemed a very good side last season and since then Brian Clough has spent a lot of money on strengthening his squad.

Kenny Burns has tightened up the defence, while Archie Gemmill's skill and experience will be a considerable asset.

The surprise-package is Peter Withe, who shot to the top of the goal-charts with four against Ipswich Town.

Peter has been around for a few years although he's still in his mid-twenties. He's had around seven or eight different clubs, I believe.

He's brave and direct, a top-class player who is always likely to find the net.

Where Forest score over Chelsea is in experience. Nearly all their players know what the First Division is all about, while we at Stamford Bridge are still learning.

We have taken more time to settle down in Division One, although I'm very happy we haven't been overawed at all.

For instance, when we played at Old Trafford, our attitude was sim-

ply to enjoy ourselves . . . and we ended up beating Manchester United 1-0.

That must be our best performance of the season. We soaked up a lot of pressure in the second-half, as you'd expect at Old Trafford, and did well to take both points.

I've noticed how First Division sides place more emphasis on possession football. Obvious as it may sound, if the opposition don't have the ball, they can't score.

We are trying to keep the ball more, whilst knowing when to attack and when to defend. There have been times when Chelsea have "sold" themselves by having too many players forward.

Our opponents are taking advantage of this with quick counter-attacks, so we must know when to push upfield and when to hold back just a little.

If anything, we have found it easier away from home, where we tend to have more room as our opponents set the pace of the game.

Red-Hot

I noticed in particular against Leeds United at the Bridge, when we lost 2-1, the ball seemed like a piece of red-hot coal to our players. None of us wanted to hold it for long!

We are also aware of the need to do well to keep the club afloat financially. Which could be said of almost every club, I suppose.

This does not interfere with our football, though. It may be true manager Ken Shellito can't buy players, but it does not worry us unduly.

We like to think our present squad is good enough to hold its own, and we're giving 101 per cent to prove this.

Two players in particular have done well this season — centre-back Micky Droy and goalkeeper John Phillips. Both have had some ups and downs in recent seasons, yet have shown a lot of character.

This week's Star Letter comes from Thomas Lynn of Middle Herrington, Sunderland, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

THREAT OF U.S. SOCCER

THE phenomenal growth of soccer in the United States worries me. When the game is REALLY established over there, the help Britain has given the U.S. may backfire.

Our players have done much to get soccer off the ground, but in the not-too-distant future the U.S. may be after our top players for permanent transfers.

After all, any club that can afford over £1 million for a 31-year-old star (Franz Beckenbauer) must have huge financial resources.

Will British players be lured to

the States by a new challenge — and more money?

● Eddie Firmani, manager of the Cosmos, said recently — and he wasn't kidding — his club could afford to buy the entire England team tomorrow if they wished. Backed by Warner Communications, they have great financial resources. The U.S. must be a threat to our top stars. But who could blame them if they seized the chance to better themselves, as some cricketers have with the Packer company?

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Damage

BRITAIN has survived countless crises, fought and lived through two World Wars and pulled itself back from the brink of disaster . . . from such moments has emerged the image of the Briton as a strong (stubborn?) and sporting person.

So it's a crying shame this image has been tarnished by the antics of your soccer hooligans. Don't they realise the damage they do to their country's image?

FAIZ MOHAMED, WEST MALAYSIA.

● Presumably not. Nor do they realise the damage they do to the clubs they say they support or the sport they say they love.

FIND CONSISTENCY'



"Kenny Burns (right) has been a shrewd buy for Nottingham Forest."

Micky broke an arm (opposing fans may think he's unbreakable, but it's true!) and lost his place for a spell. He is now playing better than ever.

John used to have a section of the crowd on his back, yet he's shown everyone what he's capable of and all Stamford Bridge is behind him now.

My own form? I was pleased with the way things were going until the Leeds' game, when we lost 2-1 at home.

Up until then — or really, with the exception of that game — I'd found the sort of room I like. In Division One there are plenty of good players, so sides don't worry too much about clamping down on the opposition's "midfield general".

The First Division may have settled down, but I can see some changes in the not-too-distant future.

Aston Villa will surely be much nearer the top soon, while Derby County, under The Doc, must be fancied to climb the table. Likewise, Chelsea!

In Division Two, the London scene is reasonably bright and one team I tip for honours are Spurs, who I expect to win promotion.

Sometimes, as in our case, two seasons in the Second can be a blessing in disguise. It enabled our young team to "grow up". If we had won promotion in our first year, we could very easily have gone straight down again.

Spurs' side is more experienced and as their attitude seems right, there's no reason why they shouldn't be in Division One again next year.

This Saturday (October 22nd) we make our longest journey of the season when we take on Newcastle.

I've never played up at St. James' Park, but for some reason London clubs rarely look forward to the trip to the North-East.

United must be the real surprise team of the season — the wrong sort of surprise.

They did well last season, qualifying for the U.E.F.A. Cup. Now, with basically the same players, they're in all sorts of trouble.

This is the sort of game we MUST pick something up from. Dropping silly home points means we must "balance our books" away from the Bridge, so I'm hoping for a winning debut in Geordieland.

See you in a fortnight,



**RAY
WILKINS**
writes for you

Smiles

I HAVE a request to make to the Liverpool players. Please, when Kenny Dalglish scores, save your congratulations for a few moments. If you do, you'll give Kenny the chance to run to the fans in the way he loves.

Once the Liverpool fans see Kenny running towards them, arms out-stretched with a huge smile on his face, they'll realise how much he enjoys scoring.

It got all the Celtic fans going and it will be the same at Anfield.

STEPHEN MCINTYRE,
GREENOCK.

● Maybe The Kop will soon be singing: "We'd Walk A Million Miles For One Of Your Smiles" to Kenny (right).



Exchange

I WANT TO exchange reviews, newspapers and programmes of England — also, lapel badges.

DOMINGO JOSE DEBIAZZI,
IRIONDO 938,
DEPT. 2,
(2000) ROSARIO,
ARGENTINA.

I'd like a pen-pal in England who supports either Q.P.R., Aston Villa or Arsenal.

BRENDAN MARSH,
140 KENDAL AVENUE,
BURNSIDE,
CHRISTCHURCH 5,
NEW ZEALAND.

Good Colin

I'M NOT a Derby fan, but I was sickened by the way they treated manager Colin Murphy. I have full admiration for the way Colin has conducted himself; his devotion to the club and its players was an example to all. It's a shame such a nice guy should have been sacked. I hope Colin does well in the future.

MARY GREEN,
BURY.

● There have been some odd goings-on at Derby this year and Colin has been treated as no manager should be. Directors appoint managers, yet when their appointment fails (in their opinion) they escape unscathed. Colin has come out of it all with much credit — but we can't say the same for Derby.

RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

(continued)

FOURTH DIVISION

SOUTHEND 0 YORK 0	7,079
Southend: Freeman; Moody, Banks, Laverick, Townsend, Young, Morris, Goodwin, Parker, Hadley, Foggon.	
York: Neenan; Scott, Young, Woodward, Topping, James, Pollard, Holmes, Hope, Hoy, Stanforth.	
SWANSEA (0) 2 (Evans, James pen.)	
GRIMSBY (0) 0	7,402
Swansea: Barber; Evans, Bartley, Smith, May, Davids, Chappell, James, Charles, Moore (Donovan), Lally.	
Grimsby: Wainman; Mawer (Donovan), Moore, Waters, Barker, Partridge, Ford, Liddell, Drinkell, Cumming, Brolly.	

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (2) 2 (Stapleton, Macdonald)	
LEICESTER (0) 1 (Worthington)	27,371
Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Ross, Macdonald, Stapleton, Rix.	
Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, Kember, Sims, May, Alderson, Samuels, Worthington, Robertson, Earle.	
BIRMINGHAM (0) 3 (Connolly, Bertschin 2)	
NEWCASTLE (0) 0	18,953
Birmingham: Montgomery; Page, Pendrey, Towers, Howard, Want (Connolly), Broadhurst, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Emmanuel.	
Newcastle: Mahoney; Craig (D), Kennedy, McLean (Oates), Bird, Nattrass, Barrowclough, Cannell, Burns, Callaghan, Craig (T).	
BRISTOL C (2) 3 (Mabbutt, Ritchie 2)	
WEST HAM (1) 2 (Robson, Pike)	21,180
Bristol C: Shaw; Gillies, Sweeney, Gow, Collier, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Mabbutt, Cormack, Whitehead.	
West Ham: Day; Lampard, Brush, Holland, Taylor (T), Lock, Taylor (A), Robson, Curbishley, Brooking, Devonshire (Pike).	
COVENTRY (0) 2 (Graydon 2)	
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Mills)	13,947
Coventry: Blyth; Oakey, McDonald, Yorath, Holton, Coop, Graydon, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison.	
Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Bailey, Souness, Boam, Ramage, Mahoney, Mills, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Armstrong.	
DERBY (1) 2 (Gemmell, Hughes)	
LEEDS (0) 2 (Lorimer, Graham)	24,274
Derby: Boulton; Langan, Nish, Daly, McFarland (Macken), Todd, Powell, Gemmill, Hughes, George, Hunt.	
Leeds: Stewart; Cherry, Gray (F), Lorimer, McQueen, Madeley, Gray (E), Hankin, Jordan, Currie, Graham.	
EVERTON (1) 3 (Rioch, McKenzie, Dobson)	
NORWICH (0) 0	34,405
Everton: Wood; Darracott, Pejic, Lyons, Higgins, Rioch (Jones), King, Dobson, Latchford, McKenzie, Thomas.	
Norwich: Hansbury; Ryan, Sullivan, Machin (Bond), Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Gibbins, Suggett, Peters.	
IPSWICH (0) 1 (Whymark)	
LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Dalglish)	29,658
Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Tibbott, Talbot, Hunter, Beattie, Osborne (Geddis), Gates, Mariner, Whymark, Woods.	
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Jones, Smith, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, Case, Heighway (Fairclough), McDermott, Callaghan.	
MAN. UTD (0) 0	
CHELSEA (1) 1 (Garner)	54,764
Man. U: Stepany; Nicholl, Albiston, Mellroy, Greenhoff (B), Buchan (McGrath), Coppell, McCreery, Pearson, Macari, Hill.	
Chelsea: Phillips; Harris, Wilkins (G), Britton, Droy, Wicks, Garner (Sparrow), Wilkins (R), Langley, Swain, Stanley.	

NOTTM FOREST (1) 2 (Woodcock, Robertson)
ASTON VILLA (0) 0
31,016
Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.
Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Robson, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Deehan, Little, Cowans, Croyley, Carrodus.

Q.P.R. (1) 1 (Francis)
MAN. CITY (1) 1 (Royle)
24,668
Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Williams, Needham, Webb, Eastoe (Abbott), Francis, Masson, Bowles, Givens.
Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Owen, Watson, Booth, Kidd, Channon, Royle, Hartford, Barnes.

W.B.A. (2) 2 (Brown T. pen., Cross)
WOLVES (1) 2 (Bell, Daley)
30,295
W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Cantello, Robson, Cross, Regis, Johnston.
Wolves: Parkes; Palmer, Daly, Daley, Brazier, McAlle, Patching, Carr, Bell, Hibbitt, Sunderland.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (0) 0
TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Hoddle, Duncan)
17,077
Blackpool: Ward; Gardner, Harrison, Ronson, Hart, Suddaby, Ainscow (McEwan), Chandler, Walsh, Hatton, Finnigan.
Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes, Hoddle, Osgood, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Duncan, Jones, Taylor.

BURNLEY 0
BRIGHTON 0
9,199
Burnley: Stevenson; Pashley, Brennan, Noble, Higgins, Rodaway, Cochrane, Ingham (Smith), Robinson, Flynn, Morley.
Brighton: Steele; Tiler, Cattlin, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Potts, Ward, Mellor, Piper, Ruggiero.

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Robson)
MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Moss)
6,896
Cardiff: Irwin; Dwyer, Pontin, Buchanan (Grapes), Went, Byrne, Campbell, Attley, Robson, Evans, Giles.
Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Phillips, Matthews, Foster (C), Wood, Sharkey, Moss, Syrett, Hodgson, Aston.

FULHAM (1) 5 (Mitchell 3, Maybank pen., Evanson)
NOTTS CO (0) 1 (Bradd)
6,050
Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Bullivant, Lacy, Gale, Greenaway, Margerrison, Mitchell, Maybank, Evanson.
Notts Co: McManus; Richards (P), O'Brien, Busby, Chapman, Stubbs (Mann), Carter, Vinter, Bradd, Smith, Richards (L).

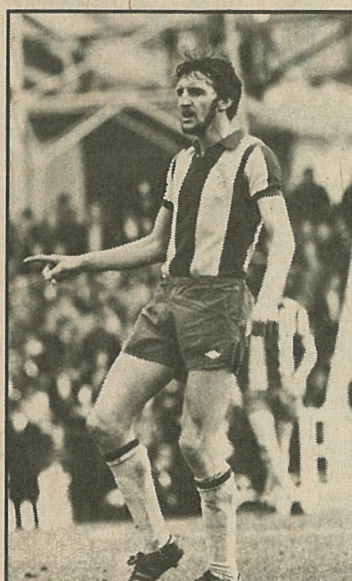
HULL 0
STOKE 0
9,126
Hull: Wealands; Nisbet, DeVries, Bremner, Croft, Roberts, Haigh, Galvin, Warboys, Bannister, Stewart.
Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Lindsay, Kendall, Smith, Dodd, Conroy, Richardson, Gregory, Waddington, Crooks.

LUTON 0
BLACKBURN 0
9,149
Luton: Aleksic; Price, Buckley, Fuccillo, Faulkner, Futcher (P), Husband, Hill, Futcher (R), Boersma, Carr.
Blackburn: Bradshaw; Fazackerley, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Hawkins (Mitchell), Brotherton, Hird, Lewis, Parkes, Wagstaffe.

MILLWALL (3) 3 (Pearson, Seasman, Hamilton)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0
9,952
Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Walker, Brisley (Lee), Kitchen, Hazell, Hamilton, Seasman, Smith, Pearson, Chambers.
Southampton: Turner; Andruszewski, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Waldron, Osgood, Boyer, MacDougall.

OLDHAM (0) 1 (Irving)
CHARLTON (1) 1 (Flanagan)
7,242
Oldham: Ogden; Hoolikin, Holt, Bell, Edwards (Shaw), Hurst, Wood, Irving, Halom, Chapman, Groves.
Charlton: Wood; Penfold, Warman, Tyde-man, Giles, Berry (Campbell), Abrahams, Burman, Flanagan, Peacock, McAuley.

ORIENT (1) 2 (Fisher, Kitchen pen.)
BRISTOL R (0) 1 (Randall)
5,104
Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Allen, Hoadley, Roeder, Glover, Grealish, Mayo, Kitchen, Bennett.



David Cross scored West Brom's second goal against Wolves.

Bristol R: Thomas; Bater, Taylor (A), Day, Taylor (S), Prince, Hendrie, Williams, Randall, Stanforth, Evans.

SHEFF. UTD (0) 0
C. PALACE (1) 2 (Swindlehurst, Harkouk)
14,541
Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Franks, Speight (Hamilton). Colquhoun, Kenworthy, Woodward, Campbell, Edwards, Salmons, Hamson. C. Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Graham, Cannon, Evans, Swindlehurst, Chat-terton, Hilaire, Bourne, Harkouk.

SUNDERLAND (0) 0
BOLTON (1) 2 (Whatmore, Reid)
30,342
Sunderland: Siddall; Docherty, Bolton, Stronach (Kerr), Waldron, Ashurst, Rostron, Elliott, Brown, Lee, Rowell.
Bolton: McDonagh; Ritson, Nicholson, Greaves, Walsh, Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Jones, Reid, Train.

THIRD DIVISION

CARLISLE (0) 2 (Rafferty, McCartney pen.)
OXFORD (1) 2 (Foley, Taylor)
4,676
Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, Carr, Macdonald, Parker, McVitie, Ludlam, Tait, Rafferty, Martin.
Oxford: Burton; Kingston, Fogg, Bodel, Clarke, Jeffrey, McGrogan, Taylor, Foley, Curran, Duncan.

CHESTER (0) 2 (Storton, Phillips)
GILLINGHAM (2) 2 (Shipperley, Westwood)
3,367
Chester: Millington; Raynor, Walker, Delgado, Storton, Oakes, Phillips, Jeffries (Howat), Kearney, Edwards (I), Burns.
Gillingham: Hillyard; Knight, Armstrong, Overton, Shipperley, Hughes, Nicholl, Hunt, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Parker pen.)
WREXHAM (0) 0
4,705
Chesterfield: Ogrozcovic; Tarrt, Burton, Kowalski, Cottam, Pollard, Jones, Cammack (Hunter), Green, Parker, Heppollette.
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki; Hill, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Evans, Shinton, Cartwright (Griffiths), Lyons, Sutton, Whittle.

PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Robson)
EXETER (1) 1 (Kellow)
5,016
Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Lee, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, Butlin, Camp (Cozens), Carmichael, Robson.
Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hore, Bowker, Saxton, Hatch, Hodge, Kellow, Holman, Randall, Jennings.

PLYMOUTH (0) 0
CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Uzzell o.g.)
6,022
Plymouth: Barron; Smart, Uzzell, Horswill, Foster, Craven, Hall, Dolve, Austin, Trusson, Rogers.
Cambridge: Webster; Batson, Murray, Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Watson, Streete, Morgan, Finney, Biley.

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
LINCOLN (1) 2 (Graham, Foster o.g.)
11,370
Portsmouth: Middleton; Roberts (Piper), Wil-son, Ellis, Foster, Cahill, Green, Kemp, Stokes, Mellows, Pollock.
Lincoln: Grotier; Neale, Leigh, Booth, Wig-ginton, Crombie, Hubbard, Graham, Cork, Fleming, Eden.

PORT VALE 0
SHEFF. WED. 0
5,136
Port Vale: Dance; McGifford, Griffiths, Rid-ley, Harris, Bithell, Lamb, Cullerton (Sutcliffe), Brownbill, Beamish, Hemmerman.
Sheff. W: Turner; Walden, Rushbury, Mul-len, Cusack, Leman, Wylde, Johnson, Tynan, Hope, Bradshaw.

PRESTON 0
HEREFORD 0
5,447
Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Wilson, Doyle, Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Burns (Thomson), Robinson, Elwiss, Bruce.
Hereford: Hughes; Emery, Ritchie, Marshall, Layton, Carter, Briley, Proudlove, Sinclair, McNeil, Spring.

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Womble)
COLCHESTER (0) 0
4,906
Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Standcliffe, Spencer, Finney, Gwyther, Womble, Goodfellow, Crawford.
Colchester: Walker; Dyer, Williams, Foley, Packer, Dowman, Garwood, Gough, Froggatt, Bunkell, Allinson.

SHREWSBURY 0
WALSALL 0
4,635
Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Dur-ban, Turner, Atkins, Irvine, Hornsby, Lindsay, Bates, Maguire.
Walsall: Kearns; Taylor, Caswell, Serella, Hynd, Newton (Evans), Robertson, Bates, Dennehy, Buckley, Birch.

FOURTH DIVISION

BARNLEY (1) 1 (Wigg)
WATFORD (0) 0
6,443
Barnley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Price, Wigg (Jocey), Little, Collier.
Watford: Sherwood; Geidmintis, Pritchett, Joslyn, Ellis, Garner, Blissett, Downes, Jenkins (Walsh), Bolton, Mayes.

BOURNEMOUTH 0
HALIFAX 0
3,282
Bournemouth: Baker; Cunningham, Butler, Miller, Phillipson-Masters, Barton, Johnson, Riley, Showers, Cave, Lennard.
Halifax: Gennoe; Loska (Trainer), Flavell, Smith, Alcock, Dunleavy, Carroll, Bullock, Bell, Lawson, Horsfall.

CREWE (1) 2 (McGinley, Davies D)
TORQUAY (0) 0
1,974
Crewe: Crudgington; Collier, Cheetham, Rimmer, Bowles, Bevan, Davies (D), McGinley, Coyne, Purdie, Tully.
Torquay: Lee (T); Twichin, Parsons, Vas-sallo, Green, Boulton, Dunne (Darke), Lee (C), Lawrence, Brown, McVay.

DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Ferguson)
ALDRSHOT (1) 1 (Needham)
1,809
Darlington: Burleigh; Crosson, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Nattrass, Rowles, Maitland, Fer-guson, Seal, Wann.
Aldershot: Johnson; Howitt, Butler, Dixon, Earls, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor (Hooper).

DONCASTER (1) 3 (McConville, Habbins, O'Cal-laghan)
BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Phillips)
3,044
Doncaster: Peacock; Wignall, Robinson, Laidlaw, Owen, Taylor, Miller, McConville (Jones C), O'Callaghan, Habbins, Bentley.
Brentford: Bond; Fraser, Salman, Lloyd, Kruse, Shrubbs, Carlton (Rolph), Graham (J), Sweetzer, McCulloch, Phillips.

HUDDERSFIELD 0
STOCKPORT 0
3,740
Huddersfield: Taylor; Sweeney, Baines, Hart, Sandercock, Gray, Armstrong (Butler), Fowler, Eccles, Goldthorpe, McCaffrey.
Stockport: Rogan; Lawler, Rutter, Thomp-son, Fogarty, Loadwick, Summerbee, Halford, Park (Smith), Fletcher, Massey.

NORTHAMPTON (2) 5 (Robertson, Martin pen., Reilly 3)
HARTLEPOOL (1) 3 (Poskett 2, Newton)
3,499
Northampton: Garnham; Tucker (Christie),

Mead, Liddle, Robertson, Bryant, Farrington, Williams, Reilly, McGowan, Martin.
Hartlepool: Edgar; Creamer, Wiggett, Linacre, Ayre, Simpkin, McMordie, Downing, Newton, Poskett, Bielby.

READING (1) 3 (Peters, Williams, Murray)
SOUTHPORT (0) 1 (Ashworth) 2,699
Reading: Death; Peters, Lewis, Cumming, Hetzke (Hiron), Moreline, Earles, Murray, Williams, Bennett, Britten.
Southport: Harrison; Kisby, Snookes, O'Neil, Brooks, Fisher, Cooper (Hilton), Wilson, Ashworth, Suddick, Jones.

ROCHDALE (0) 0
NEWPORT (1) 1 (Woods) 1,114
Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, O'Loughlin, Morrin, Scott, Bannon, Owen, Seddon, Mountford (Melledew), Esser, Tarbuck.
Newport: Plumley; Derrett, Byrne, Emanuel, Walker (R), Jones, Walker (S), Williams, Goddard, Relish, Woods.

SCUNTHORPE (0) 3 (Oates 2, Lumby)
WIMBLEDON (0) 0 2,618
Scunthorpe: Crawford; Czuczman, Peacock, Kavanagh, Money, Bridges, Oates, Kilmore (Pilling), Keeley, Lumby, Heron.
Wimbledon: Teale; Bryant, Galvin, Donaldson (Connell), Edwards, Bassett, Galliers, Leslie, Davies, Holmes, Aitken.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

ABERDEEN (0) 2 (Fleming 2)
CELTIC (0) 1 (Garner o.g.) 25,800
Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, Shirra, Garner, Miller, Davidson, Jarvie, Harper, Fleming, McMaster.
Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, Lynch, Edvaldsson, McDonald, McWilliams, Glavin, McAdam, Craig (Doyle), Aitken, Wilson.

CLYDEBANK (0) 0
DUNDEE UTD (1) 3 (Sturrock, Bourke, Fleming) 3,500
Clydebank: Gallacher; McCormack, Abel (McNaughton), Fallon, McLaughlin (Lumsden), Hay, Ronald, McColl, Larnach, McCallan, Callaghan.
Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel, Robinson, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Fleming, Bourke (Holt), Addison, Payne.

MOTHERWELL (1) 5 (McAdam, Purdie, Miller, Davidson, O'Rourke) 4,585
AYR (0) 0
Motherwell: Rennie; Watson, Wark, Miller, McVie (O'Rourke), Stevens, Marinello, McLaren, McAdam, Davidson, Purdie.
Ayr: Sproat; Rodman, Kelly, Fleming, McAnespie, Brogan (McCulloch), McSherry, McColl, Masterton, Tait, Cramond.

PARTICK (0) 1 (Houston)
HIBS (0) 0 5,000
Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Gibson, Marr, Campbell, Houston, Melrose, Love, Somner, Craig.
Hibs: McDonald; McNamara, Schaedler, Brazil, Stewart, Blackley, McLeod, Bremner, McKay, Higgins (Duncan), Scott (Smith).

ST. MIRREN (2) 3 (Docherty, McGarvey 2, 1 pen)
RANGERS (1) 3 (Jardine, Cooper, Johnstone) 25,000
St. Mirren: Hunter; Young, Mowat, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Copland, Docherty, Stark, McGarvey, Richardson (Abercrombie), Hyslop.
Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Greig (Miller), Forsyth, Jackson, Watson, McKean, Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 20

INTERNATIONAL

KUWAIT 0
WALES 0 in Kuwait 6,000
Kuwait: Altrabousi; Hussain, Jumah, Mayouf, Durehaim, Farouk, Saad, Hammed, Feisal, Jassim, Alanbari.
Wales: Phillips (J); Page, Jones, Mahoney, Phillips (L), Evans, Sayer, Flynn, Yorath (Roberts D), Toshack (Edwards), James (Thomas M).

UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL

SCOTLAND (2) 2 (Burley, Sturrock)
CZECHOSLOVAKIA (1) 1 (Kruppa) at Tyne-castle 14,115
Scotland: Stewart; Burley, Albiston, Miller, Narey, Fitzpatrick, Sturrock, Payne, McGarvey, Aitken, Cooper.

Czechoslovakia: Mackra; Hudec, Fiala, Ondrus, Siladi, Berger, Brezik, Janecka, Kroupa, Herda, Pelc.

LEAGUE CUP (Second Round second replay)

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Ward)
OLDHAM (0) 2 (Steele o.g., Irving) at Leicester a.e.t. 1,840
Brighton: Steele; Tiler, Cattlin, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson (Townner), Potts, Ward, Mellor, Piper, O'Sullivan.
Oldham: Ogden; Hoolikin, Holt, Bell (Valentine), Edwards, Hurst, Wood, Irving, Halom, Chapman, Groves.

THIRD DIVISION

CARLISLE 0
CHESTER 0 4,941
Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, Carr, MacDonald, Parker, McVitie, Ludlam (Latham), Tait, Rafferty, Martin.
Chester: Millington; Raynor, Walker, Storton, Delgado, Oakes, Mason, Jeffries, Kearney, Howat, Phillips.

FOURTH DIVISION

DONCASTER (1) 2 (Habbin 2)
SOUTHPORT (0) 1 (Ashworth) 3,686
Doncaster: Peacock; Wignall, Robinson, Bowden, Owen, Taylor, Miller, Laidlaw, O'Callaghan, Habbin, Bentley (Jones C).
Southport: Harrison; Kisby, Snookes, O'Neil, Brooks, Fisher, Hilton, Wilson, Ashworth, Suddick, Jones.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21

WORLD CUP

N. IRELAND (0) 2 (McGrath, McIlroy)
ICELAND (0) 0 at Windsor Park 15,000
N. Ireland: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Nicholl (J), Hunter, O'Neill, McCreery, McIlroy, McGrath, Best, Anderson.
Iceland: Dagsson; Hallorsson, Gudlaugsson, Gunnlaugsson, Geirsson, Edvaldsson (J), Leifsson, Edvaldsson (A), Hallgrimsson (Danillaldsson), Eliasson (Bjornsson), Sveinsson.

SCOTLAND (2) 3 (Jordan, Hartford, Dalglish)
CZECHOSLOVAKIA (0) 1 (Gajdusek) at Hampden Park 85,000
Scotland: Rough; Jardine, McGrain, Forsyth, McQueen, Rioch, Masson, Dalglish, Jordan, Hartford, Johnston.
Czechoslovakia: Michalik; Paurik, Capkovic, Dvorak, Gogh, Dobias (Gallis), Gajdusek, Moder (Knapp), Pollak, Masny, Nehoda.

FRIENDLY

LEAGUE OF IRELAND (0) 1 (McGee)
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND (2) 2 (Givens, Conroy) in Dublin
League: Smyth; Nolan, Dunning, McConville, O'Brien, Donnelly, Tambling, Daly, McGee, Treacy, Ryan.
Republic: Kearns; Langan, Mulligan, O'Leary, Holmes, Daly, Giles, Brady, Conroy, Givens, Stapleton.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23

FIRST DIVISION

ASTON VILLA (0) 2 (Brazier o.g., Deehan)
WOLVES (0) 0 40,403
Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Deehan, Little, Cowans, Cropley, Carrodus.
Wolves: Parkes; Palmer, Daly, Daley, Brazier, McAlle, Patching (Bell), Carr, Richards, Hibbitt, Sunderland.

THIRD DIVISION

LINCOLN (1) 1 (Graham)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 6,290
Lincoln: Grotier; Neale, Leigh, Booth, Wigginton, Crombie, Hubbard, Graham, Cork, Fleming, Eden.
Chesterfield: Ogrosovic; Tarrt, Burton, Kowalski, Cottam, Pollard, Jones, Cammack, Green, Parker, Heppollette.

FOURTH DIVISION

SOUTHPORT (1) 1 (Ashworth)
CREWE (1) 2 (Tully, Coyne) 2,815
Southport: Harrison; Kisby, Snookes, O'Neil, Brooks, Fisher, Hilton, Wilson, Ashworth, Suddick, Jones.
Crewe: Crudgington; Collier, Cheetham, Rimmer, Bowles, Bevan, Davies (D), McGinley, Purdie, Coyne, Tully.

STOCKPORT (2) 3 (Halford, Lawler, Prudham)
BARNLEY (0) 0 4,743
Stockport: Rogan; Lawler, Rutter, Thompson, Loadwick, Fogarty, Summerbee, Halford, Park, Prudham, Massey.
Barnley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Price, Wigg, Little (Joicey), Collier.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24

FIRST DIVISION

LEEDS (0) 1 (Hankin)
MAN. UTD. (0) 1 (Hill) 33,514
Leeds: Stewart; Cherry, Gray (F), Lorimer, McQueen, Madeley, Gray (E) (Stevenson), Hankin, Jordan, Currie, Graham.
Man. U: Stepney; Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, Greenhoff (B), Houston, McGrath, Coppell, Pearson, Macari, Hill.

LEICESTER (0) 0 21,447
NOTT. FOREST (1) 3 (O'Neill, Woodcock, Robertson pen.)
Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, Kember, Sims, Woollett (Alderson), Robertson, Samuels, Worthington, Waddle, Armstrong.
Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer, O'Hare, Woodcock, Robertson.

LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (McDermott)
DERBY (0) 0 48,359
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Jones, Smith, Kennedy, Hansen, Dalglish, Case (Fairclough), Heighway, McDermott, Callaghan.
Derby: Boulton; Langan, Nish, Daly, Daniel, Todd, Powell, Hector, Hughes, George, James.

MAN. CITY (1) 2 (Barnes, Owen)
BRISTOL C (0) 0 41,897
Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Doyle, Owen, Watson, Booth, Barnes, Channon, Kidd, Hartford, Power.
Bristol C: Shaw; Gillies, Sweeney, Gow, Collier, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Mabbitt, Cormack (Mann), Whitehead.

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Mills)
IPSWICH (1) 1 (Mariner) 19,843
Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs (Willey), Bailey, Souness, Boam, Ramage, Mahoney, Mills, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Armstrong.
Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Tibbott, Talbot, Hunter, Beattie, Osborne, Gates, Mariner, Whymark, Woods.



Charlton's Mike Flanagan scored their vital goal at Millwall.

NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Gowling)
COVENTRY (1) 2 (Wallace 2) 22,482
Newcastle: Mahoney; Craig (D), Kennedy, McLean (Oates), McCaffrey, Nattrass, Barrowclough, Callaghan, Burns, Gowling, Craig (T).
Coventry: Blyth; Oakey, McDonald, Yorath, Beck, Coop, Graydon, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison.

NORWICH (1) 1 (Ryan)
ARSENAL (0) 0 19,312
Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Gibbins, Suggitt, Peters.
Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Simpson, Matthews (Walford), Ross, Macdonald, Stapleton, Rix.

Q.P.R. (0) 1 (Masson)
CHELSEA (1) 1 (Swain) 26,267
Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Needham, Webb, Eastoe, Francis (Williams), Masson, Bowles, Givens.
Chelsea: Phillips; Harris, Wilkins (G), Britton, Droy, Wicks, Garner, Wilkins (R), Langley, Swain, Stanley.

W.B.A. (2) 3 (Brown T 2, 1 pen, Regis)
BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Connolly) 29,160
W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Cantello, Brown (A), Regis, Robson, Johnston.
Birmingham: Montgomery; Page, Styles, Towers, Howard, Broadhurst, Connolly, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Emmanuel.

WEST HAM (1) 1 (Dobson o.g.)
EVERTON (0) 1 (McKenzie) 25,296
West Ham: Day; Lampard, Brush, Holland, Taylor (T), McGiven, Taylor (A), Robson, Curbishley, Brooking, Devonshire.
Everton: Wood; Darracott, Pejic, Lyons, Higgins, Rioch, King, Dobson, Latchford, McKenzie, Thomas (Jones).

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (0) 1 (Wagstaffe)
ORIENT (0) 0 6,326
Blackburn: Bradshaw; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Lewis (Waddington), Mitchell, Parkes, Wagstaffe.
Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Allen, Hoadley, Roeder, Glover, Greulich, Mayo, Kitchen, Bennett.

BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Ward 2)
SHEFF. UTD (0) 1 (Franks) 21,666
Brighton: Steele; Tiler, Cattlin, Horton, Rollins, Lawrenson, Potts, Ward, Mellor, Piper, O'Sullivan.
Sheff U: Brown; Cutbush, Kenworthy, Speight, Colquhoun, Flynn, Franks, Campbell, Edwards, Salmon, Hamson.

BRISTOL R 0
OLDHAM 0 4,550
Bristol R: Thomas; Bater, Taylor (A), Day, Taylor (S), Prince, Barry, Williams, Randall, Staniforth, Evans.
Oldham: Ogden; Hoolikin, Holt, Bell, Hicks, Edwards, Wood, Valentine, Halom, Chapman, Groves.

CARDIFF (1) 3 (Robson, Evans 2)
FULHAM (0) 1 (Maybank) 8,810
Cardiff: Irwin; Dwyer, Attley, Pontin, Went, Byrne, Campbell, Buchanan, Robson (Giles), Evans, Sayer.
Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Bullivant, Lacy, Gale, Margerrison, Evanson, Mitchell, Maybank, Best.

C. PALACE (1) 2 (Harkouk, Chatterton)
BOLTON (1) 1 (Whatmore) 23,604
Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Graham, Cannon, Evans, Hilaire, Chatterton, Bourne, Swindlehurst, Harkouk.
Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Dunne, Greaves, Walsh, Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Jones, Reid, Train.

MANSFIELD (1) 4 (Syrett, Moss, Hodgson, Sharkey pen.)
BURNLEY (1) 1 (Brennan) 8,274
Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Phillips, Matthews, Foster (C), Wood, Sharkey, Moss, Syrett, Hodgson, Aston.
Burnley: Stevenson; Pashley, Brennan, Noble, Higgins, Robinson, Cochrane, Rodaway, Fletcher, Flynn, Morley (Ingham).

MILLWALL (0) 1 (Brisley pen.)
CHARLTON (1) 1 (Flanagan) 11,600
Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Walker, Brisley, Kitchener, Hazell, Hamilton, Seaman (Lee), Pearson, Smith, Chambers.
Charlton: Wood; Penfold, Warman, Tydeman, Giles, Berry, Powell, Abrahams, Flanagan, Peacock, McAuley.

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tional football with his share in the 3-0 World Cup victory over European Champions Czechoslovakia.

Now Sayer is a key player for club and country with his pace and control employed as lethal attacking weapons. And it all started from a moment that took little longer than the snap of the fingers. "It was in the eighth minute when our goalkeeper Ron Healey kicked out. Ralph Coates could not quite time his header and the ball skidded backwards to Steve Grapes who gave me a beautiful little flick on.

"I saw space open up as I went to meet the ball and headed down

five months, it was used as the introduction to 'Match of the Day'. "So the goal was there for the public to see week after week and it became extra special because of that. I'll always be grateful for that moment."

Peter Sayer (below, right) in action for Wales against Czechoslovakia in a World Cup Qualifying game.

The goal that made Sayer a star

If there was ever a moment that launched a player into the limelight and sparked a career, it was the goal Wales international Peter Sayer scored against Spurs in last season's F.A. Cup. It gave Cardiff City victory over famous First Division opponents and made Sayer a star.

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Sayer, uncertain of a first team place at Cardiff until that goal, accelerated into the headlines. More goals for Cardiff, Wales Under-21 selection and then a dramatic introduction into interna-

to bring it under control. I could hear a couple of Spurs defenders closing on me from behind and I took no more than a couple of strides — I dare not hold the ball any longer.

"As the ball came down to my right foot, I let go with a low volley from about 15 yards. To make the shot even more awkward for Pat Jennings, the ball dipped in-flight: then there was that marvellous feeling as it crashed into the back of the net for my first goal in the F.A. Cup.

"There was no thought I had to beat the man reckoned to be the finest goalkeeper in the world. It was simply a chance to shoot and I had to make the best of it."

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'I never believed it would become a top tournament'

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Villa 'keeper John Burridge clears from Everton's Mick Lyons during last season's League Cup Final at Wembley.

GORDON Lee and John Neal were team-mates in the Aston Villa side that won the very first League Cup Final way back in 1961. Now they are rival First Division managers and opponents in next week's Third Round League Cup at Goodison.

This week **SHOOT** brought them together to recall their past triumph and discuss next week's big match.

NEAL: Hello, Gordon. I feel a little embarrassed talking about that 1961 Final because I can't remember which position you played in against Rotherham. I know I was at right-back.

LEE: I wasn't far away, John — I was at left-back. But to be honest, I don't remember you playing at all! Still it was a long while ago. I do recall us losing the first-leg 2-0 and then winning 3-0 at Villa Park after extra-time.

NEAL: That's right. It always seemed to me in that first year of the competition Villa were destined to win it. We had the best record in the F.A. Cup and we were a club that were used to setting new milestones. Of course, you played for Villa in the 1963 Final as well didn't you?

LEE: Yes, I played left-half against Birmingham when we lost 3-1 at their place and again in the second-leg when we drew 0-0 at Villa Park. I've been back to Wembley for the last two League Cup Finals as well, first as manager of Newcastle and then with Everton. But I was a loser both times.

NEAL: The competition has certainly changed since we beat Rotherham hasn't it? But I always felt it would grow in stature.

LEE: I didn't. I never believed it would become the top tournament it has, with a Wembley Final and a place in Europe for the winners. In those early days, of course, many First Division clubs didn't bother to go in for it, so naturally it didn't carry as much prestige.

NEAL: Anyway, that's the only Cup winner's medal I've got, so it will do. But now I'd like to take my team to a Wembley Final. I don't really

mind whether it's in the League Cup or the F.A. Cup — perhaps I could have a crack at both before I'm finished. Playing at your place is going to be tough for Middlesbrough, but it's not our first clash as managers is it?

LEE: Not by a long chalk. I faced your Wrexham team during my time at Port Vale and Blackburn. I'd like to think I've got a fairly good idea of how you will send out a team to play now but no manager can have a stereotype. It depends on the players you've got doesn't it?

NEAL: True. And as you know, Gordon, having made the same kind of move yourself, it's a big jump from Division Three to Division One. I'm still learning about the First, still adjusting to the vast difference in class.

LEE: We're no doubt going to have a job breaking down your defence. I've got a great respect for your back-four, and I don't think there's anywhere in the country you'll find a better unit. They've proved themselves over the past three or four seasons as one of the most difficult defences to penetrate. Having said all that, I ought to point out that both League matches between the clubs last season ended 2-2.

NEAL: Strangely enough, the last time I saw Everton was your first game in charge — last season's F.A. Cup Fourth Round replay against Swindon, which you won 2-1 at Goodison. Wrexham were playing Swindon the following Saturday, which is why I was there — and I thought you were a little lucky to win.

LEE: The main thing, as far as I was concerned,

was we went into the next round. It's a one-off job in the Cup and you have to take your chances on the night. As long as you win, it doesn't matter whether it's by a 1-0 or 4-0 scoreline.

NEAL: We are beginning to settle down as a side now. I've got a few new lads in the team such as Billy Ashcroft and John Mahoney and I'm trying to change the pattern as well. But you can't do that overnight. We sprung a few Cup surprises at Wrexham and it would be nice to start with one at Boro by beating Everton next week.

LEE: I think it's going to be a tight and a close match. I suppose on paper it looks likely to be a contest between your defence and our attack. I hope it works out that way because it will mean we'll have most of the game and I prefer it that way.

NEAL: I know you've got lads such as Bob Latchford, Duncan McKenzie and Dave Thomas, but we've got some good players up-front, too, you know. Naturally, we would like to win the tie the first time of asking but I suppose we would be happy with a draw and a replay at Middlesbrough.

LEE: That's definitely no good for me. We have got first bite of the cherry and we must win the match at the first attempt. I've nothing against Ayresome Park, John, but I don't really fancy a trip over there. But nice talking to you. See you next week.

NEAL: I'm looking forward to it, Gordon, so are my lads!

Which team do you support? Liverpool, Scotland, Manchester City, Celtic, Rangers, Aston Villa, Arsenal, Blackpool, Bristol City, Bolton Wanderers, Burnley, Cardiff City, Chelsea, Derby County, Everton, Heart of Midlothian, Northern Ireland, Stoke City, St Mirren, Sunderland, Partick Thistle, West Bromwich Albion, Wolverhampton Wanderers? ☐ Show your allegiance!

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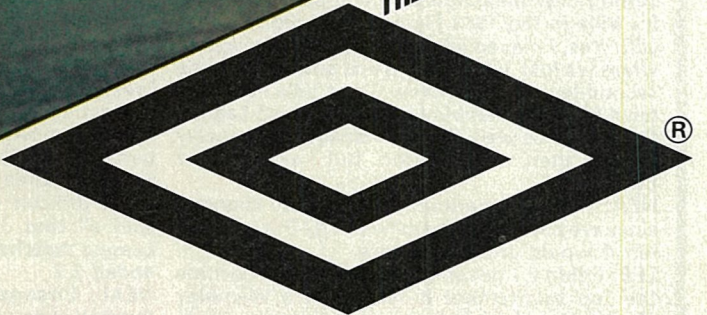
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MARRIED: To Helen
CHILDREN: None
CAR: Opel Manta Berlinetta
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Roger Hamilton-Brown, now Dorridge FC
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Plymouth Argyle
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Peter Shilton
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My England debut against Holland at Wembley in February
BIGGEST THRILLS: Scoring four for Blues against Bolton as a teenager; scoring for

England v. Luxembourg
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being dropped for the England/Argentina game this summer
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Brazil
FAVOURITE FOOD: Fillet steak Rossini
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Collecting L.P.'s; watching Warwickshire play cricket
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Cleaning my car; shopping
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Benny Hill, Two Ronnies, any sports programme
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BEST FRIEND: I like to think I have many
BIGGEST INFLUENCES ON CAREER: Initially my father; later former Blues manager Freddie Goodwin

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Losing, the short summer break we have now
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Trevor Francis

SHOOT!



TOP OF PAGE . . . Aston Villa striker Brian Little does an acrobatic leap as he scores against Bristol City at Ashton Gate.
 LEFT . . . Jeff Bryant lobbs the ball over Brentford 'keeper Len Bond, but the Wimbledon star hit the crossbar. However, he made no mistake from the rebound.
 RIGHT . . . Chelsea's Tommy Langley (dark strip) scores a fine goal against Derby County.

'I OWE IT ALL TO BRIAN CLOUGH'

says Forest's exciting young full-back VIV ANDERSON

It seems the day of the black player in British football is here to stay — West Brom's Laurie Cunningham and Cyrille Regis and Notts County's Pedro and Lloyd Richards are showing the way in utilising more than one coloured player in a side.

But one who is making managers sit up and take special notice is Nottingham Forest's talented full-back Viv Anderson who has made a fantastic impact in Forest's return to the top flight.

And though modesty prevents him from admitting it, Viv's gangling but impressive style is rapidly earning him tips to become the first black player to be fully-capped by England.

Says level-headed Viv: "Obviously, like everyone else, my ambition is to play for my country. It would be nice to play for England — but they have some great players.

"Whether I could get in within a season or two I just don't know. We will just have to wait and see on that one.

"As far as I am concerned I will just keep playing for Forest and anything extra will be a bonus. I just hope I can carry on playing the way I have been," says Viv, a local hero in Nottingham ... a very important person.

Guaranteed

And yet for Viv, only four years ago, a guaranteed star-spangled career lay in front of him at Manchester United, where he was signed on schoolboy forms.

But at 17, he returned to his native city as an apprentice with Forest. He has never looked back and now has the chance to fully establish himself in the big-time.

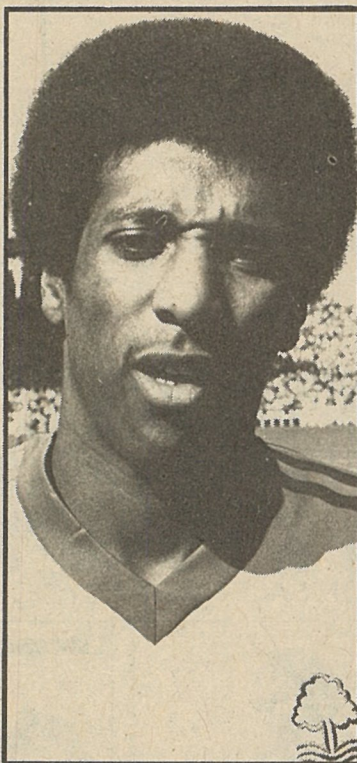
But how does he feel about meeting the likes of Liverpool and the two Manchester clubs?

"I am looking forward to playing against every team. There are some brilliant players, I know, and it is against wingers like West Brom's Willie Johnston I will have to earn my money."

Manager Brian Clough admitted at the beginning of the season Viv would be somewhat "starry-eyed" at the prospect of First Division football. He will therefore be pleased more than anyone at Viv's performances.

Clough recalls an end-of-season clash with Bolton last term: "Viv was given a chasing by Bolton's Willie Morgan, who turned him this way and that. When he came off the field I remember saying to Viv that he had survived and it was up to him to prove what he was worth. He went on to have a magnificent time."

Viv is aware it is Clough who has



brought out the best in his play. "He is a fair man and he helps you a lot — especially the young lads like Tony Woodcock and myself.

"For instance, he has made me tackle more and given me more confidence to move forward. He definitely brings out the best in players — as is evident with Peter Withe, whose full potential has been shown at Forest, and John Robertson, who has come on tremendously.

"Along with Peter Taylor, he really gets you going on Saturdays and the players are enjoying it more now than ever before."

Viv has had to adjust to a new-look Forest defence which has had three major changes in the last year with the arrival of Larry Lloyd, Kenny Burns and goalkeeper Peter Shilton.

"It is great playing alongside players of this calibre," says Viv who, jokingly, adds: "They make up for me not tackling so much!"

So Viv looks forward to a rosy future with Forest. "Things are looking good for the club, especially if we can maintain our early season form. I don't see why we should struggle at all, and, though I am not saying life in the First is easy, it has been great so far.

"My ambition at the moment is to be successful and stay in the First Division."

If present form is anything to go by Viv will achieve that ambition — and more.

RAY Hankin is determined to prove this season he's worth the £200,000 Leeds paid for him.

He's certainly made an impressive start by finding the net in the first few weeks of the season and adding a new look to the Elland Road forward-line.

Hankin arrived from Burnley last October — but only played four First Division games before the end of the season because of injury.

They were knocked out of the F.A. Cup Semis by Manchester United, of course.

"I'm a pretty terrible watcher but I forced myself to go to most of the home games. You don't know how depressing it can be when you've got a long term injury.

"Still, the club were very nice about it and I used to go back home to my folks in Newcastle when I couldn't stand anymore."

This season, he feels United can

'I'M NOT AT MY BEST-YET'

says Leeds striker RAY HANKIN

It looked for a time as though Leeds had paid out good money for a crock. Hankin had trouble with his left knee before he signed, and on arrival at Leeds, he was spending more time in the medical room than in the dressing room.

He finally had an operation which looks to have solved his ligaments trouble — and now he hopes to show the patient fans he is a good buy, after all.

Says Hankin: "There's always pressure on footballers to do well and especially when they've cost as much as me. But I hope to put all the disappointments behind me this season.

"I've still been getting a reaction from the knee. Often, I can't straighten it properly for a couple of days after matches.

"It's annoying but the doc has told me to try and keep it as straight as I can and in time, it should cure itself."

Back Early

After such a long lay off, he's also finding it hard to last the full 90 minutes but that's to be expected.

"I feel puffed about five or ten minutes from the end. But I'll just keep plugging away and I'm sure it will be all right. I trained pretty hard in the summer but it's never the same as playing a match is it?"

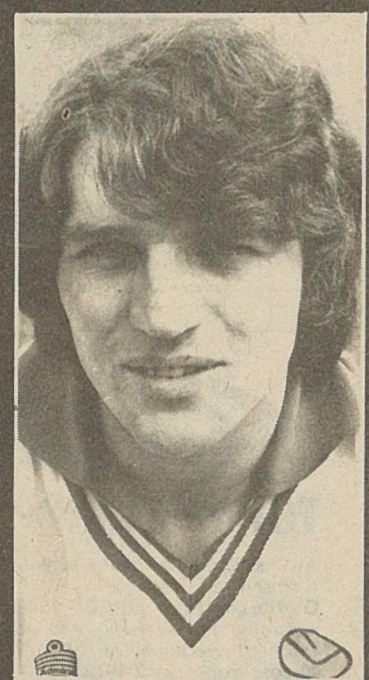
Hankin and his fellow striker Allan Clarke in fact reported back six weeks earlier than the rest of the players to try and catch up in the fitness stakes.

Unfortunately, Clarke didn't make it for the start of the season so Hankin lined-up with Joe Jordan and new signing Arthur Graham in the front three.

"It seems to be a pretty good combination. Arthur's an old-fashioned kind of winger and he's added width to the line.

"He should be making a few goals for me, I hope, though every one is a bonus after last season."

Hankin found it terribly depressing sitting on the sidelines last term, especially as his side got so near to making another Wemb-



find success, rather than falling just short again.

"I really fancy us to lift a pot this time. There have been a few changes here over the past few years but the side is really beginning to take shape again now."

Hankin scored 13 goals in 34 First Division games for Burnley in 1975-76 — his last full season in the top flight. But it didn't stop the Turf Moor club going down.

Now he's looking for success. "I'm not quite up to my best form yet but I'm pleased with my comeback so far.

"At least it's getting better all the time and I reckon I'll soon be back in top gear.

"I was disappointed last season that Leeds fans did not see the 'real' me. I just couldn't get going.

"They must have been asking themselves what sort of player their club had bought.

"Now, I hope they're seeing more value for money from their £200,000 striker."

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'Lemon

SO that's it then. Almost a complete whitewash of the Scottish challenge in Europe in one fell swoop.

Dundee United and Aberdeen crashed to Danish and Belgian opposition in the First Round of the U.E.F.A. Cup and in the European Cup-Winners' Cup, Rangers tumbled to the impressive Dutch club Twente Enschede in the First Round after a Preliminary Round victory over Young Boys of Berne.

It is left to Celtic to carry the Lion Rampant on to the Continent and into the Second Round of the Euro-

helped squash part-timers'



Tartan Talk
DANNY McGRAIN

pean Cup to meet the comparatively unknown Austrian side SSW Innsbruck.

In an era where it is all going so well at international level it really is a major disappointment we are Scotland's sole survivors.

Admittedly we had the easiest of opponents in Jeunesse Esch of Luxembourg, but you can't score a much more convincing aggregate victory than 11-1.

It was a fine performance by us in Luxembourg. It was a real lift at a time when we really needed it and although only 3,000 watched us play over there, it was double their normal gate!

And how those Luxembourg people loved Bobby Lennox. They remembered the Lisbon Lion from his European Cup winning days and they had all the time in the world for him.

Said Bobby: "I reckon I'm more popular over there than I am at home just now!"

And it obviously put "Lemon" in the mood. He scored our opening goal and helped to squash the plucky part-timers. So the old lion is still roaring in Europe. I hope he retains some of his old bite for our second-leg tie with Innsbruck at Parkhead on November 2nd.

We enjoyed the break in Luxembourg and it took the pressure off... but what of the rest of those Scottish-Euro results?

One thing for sure, there are no mugs on the European scene now. Aberdeen and Dundee United were, I feel, beaten by inexperience. From what I can gather RWD Molenbeek played in the classic



Meanwhile, talking of great clubs brings me nicely to the subject of great players... and the greatest of them all.

His mum wanted him to be known as Edson Arantes do Nascimento. Presidents, Popes, Royalty and the people of five Continents know him as Pele.

The great man has decided to call it a day and I would like to pay my little tribute to the most talented football player I have ever seen in my life.

In South America they treat him somewhere between a king and a god and I think they've got it just about right.

Almost single-handed he revolutionised the game in his country and performed football miracles as a way of life. His goalscoring record reads like some players' transfer fees.



Celtic's Johnny Doyle (above, light strip) in action during their European Cup clash against Jeunesse Esch. The Luxembourg fans loved Bobby Lennox (above, left).

If I tell you Kenny Dalglish is the second most complete player I have seen, but I put him quite a way behind the Brazilian, you will get some idea of just how much magic Pele has in his possession.

My message to the man is simple... thanks.

Back on the home front this Saturday (October 22) we're off up to Tannadice to take on that Dundee United side I was talking about earlier.

It will be a big day for Tom McAdam, the first time he has faced his old club since he joined us earlier in the season.

Everyone loves putting one over on their old mates and big Tom is no exception. I am sure he will have the pleasure on Saturday.

See you in two weeks...

NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN TALK BY RANGERS' SKIPPER JOHN GREIG

European style, soaking up the pressure and waiting for the chance to break and nick one... and do it patiently.

I don't think The Dons were strong enough in attack to counteract that.

Rangers, who have as much experience in European tournaments as almost anyone on the Continent, just seemed to meet a better team. As simple as that.

But whatever the reasons for it all it doesn't reflect too well, I don't suppose, on the new Premier Division many people in Scotland are so proud of.

Make no mistake. Failure in Europe is bad for the Scottish game. I think our game is improving all the time... but the acceleration is obviously greater on the other side of the English Channel.

Only seven or eight years ago for example Holland could boast only two famous clubs... Ajax and Feyenoord. Now they wow the world with Twente, PSV Eindhoven and of course the big two.

These Dutch clubs long ago quit the way that some of our sides play... with the heads down. Even the top sides in any country you care to mention can't match Scottish players for natural ability... but for sheer professionalism they have got most of us whacked.

They have this amazing ability for example, never to look stretched.

One of these days we'll get it right, after all Euro success isn't entirely unknown in Scotland. And who is to say us Celts can't go all the way in the greatest tournament of all and make up for the disappointment of the rest.

THE last time a provincial club won the Scottish League Championship was in 1965 when Kilmarnock were crowned Soccer Kings North of the border. On the day they clinched the title with a 2-0 victory over Hearts at Tyne-castle, a certain Billy McNeill was also celebrating.

He had just headed in a brilliant goal to give Celtic a 3-2 win over Dunfermline in the Scottish Cup Final at Hampden.

Ironically, there is a distinct possibility a provincial club could break the Old Firm's vice-like grip on the League Championship flag this season . . . and again Billy McNeill could be celebrating!



McNeill knows all about the joys of winning the title. Remember, he was the backbone and inspiration of the Celtic team that went on a record-breaking run of nine successive Championship victories, starting the year after Kilmarnock's success. Rangers won it two seasons on the trot after that and, of course, the Parkhead men conquered all before them last term.

Now McNeill is manager of Aberdeen and many consider they have the talent, the resolute power and the consistency to end that 12-year barren title spell for clubs outside the Old Firm giants.

The man who led Celtic to their famous European Cup victory in 1967 refuses to make any predictions. He says quietly: "There is a long, long way to go yet. It would be unfair to start thinking of title victories at this early stage."

"The Premier Division is an exceptionally competitive one. Each side faces each other four times a season so a lot can happen between now and the end of the term."

"For instance, you can get one really good result against a certain team, but you could lose the next three games against those same opponents. So, you only pick up two points out of a possible eight although you got off to a good start."

"I'll talk about Aberdeen winning the title only when it is mathematically certain we cannot be beaten. Until then we will con-

Aberdeen and Dundee United

Will one of them put the 'OLD FIRM' out of the Championship business this season?

tinue to take each game as it comes and concentrate on the job in hand."

McNeill may be new to management, but he is still one of the most experienced campaigners in Scottish football. He has learned under Jock Stein. He has listened to advice, but he isn't slow to put his own ideas into action.

He also has sympathy with his players. He understands their problems possibly more than other managers whose football playing days ended many years ago. It was not an easy task to take over from the flamboyant Ally MacLeod at Pittodrie, but McNeill has settled in well.

"Success"

Sharpshooter Joe Harper says: "Billy McNeill is a winner, just like Ally MacLeod. He has thrived on success in the past and, obviously, he has no intention of letting up now."

"I know through playing against him he wants nothing more than to win. Sure, we clashed often on the field, but that is simply because I am a winner myself. Show me a good loser and I'll show you a loser . . ."

There is a nagging doubt, bred

throughout the years, that provincial clubs do not have the stamina to outlast the Old Firm when it comes to the final run-in. Will Aberdeen's challenge falter, stumble and finally collapse?

The Aberdeen players answer that one themselves. They echo: "No way!" And they mean it. The most experienced man in their team is former international goalkeeper Bobby Clark.

"There have been times in the past when it has looked good for Aberdeen to take the title," says Bobby. "One year, in fact, we had led almost from the first day of the season, but in the end we dropped a valuable point to Celtic in a 1-1 draw at Pittodrie and eventually ended up two points behind the Parkhead side."

Clark recalls: "Looking back on that game one man cost us victory . . . and that was none other than Billy McNeill! Near the end a long ball from our defence caught the Celtic defence turning and Arthur Graham, now with Leeds United, of course, sped on to it."

"Evan Williams raced out of his goal, but Arthur managed to sidestep him and a goal looked an absolute certainty. Billy McNeill had been chasing back to cover the goal, but it looked a lost cause."

"Then, unfortunately for us, the ball bobbed in front of Arthur. He had to check his stride before firing in his effort and guess who was right on the line to block it? Yes, you're right . . . Billy McNeill had been rewarded for refusing to admit defeat when all looked lost. That's a lesson he has taught us all at Pittodrie."



Aberdeen's Bobby Clark (above, left) is not talking about League Championships — yet! Aberdeen v. Dundee United in League action (right) during last season. Will one of these clubs top the Premier at the end of this term? Manager Jim McLean (above, right) has moulded a talented outfit at Tannadice. One of their stars is Graeme Payne (far right).



"Will we win the title? Like Mr. McNeill, I am not going to commit myself. It is far too early, really. An awful lot of things can happen between now and the final game of the season."

"Let's just say we can be confident without being complacent. Winning the Championship is a nice thought, though. I already have a Scottish Cup winners' medal and a League Cup winners' badge, both won against Celtic, and a League medal would complete the set. That wouldn't be a bad hat-trick, would it?"

Aberdeen are most neutrals' bet to overthrow the Old Firm domination. At one stage they opened up a nine-point lead over Champions Celtic and many people thought even Celtic, with Pat Stanton and Alfie Conn back to peak fitness,

wouldn't have to sell anyone."

It was a sad day in Dundee when McLean eventually sold the courageous Andy Gray to Aston Villa and the United boss says: "It hurt me as well as anyone else when Andy went South."

"I remember the day I sold him. I went home and had to tell my son Gary, who was seven at the time, Andy Gray would no longer be playing for Dundee United."

"He took it hard. Andy was his idol. My son even had a big number ten stitched on to the back of his Dundee United shirt. That was the number Andy always wore at Tannadice and my wee boy, like a lot of others, wanted to be like his hero."

Gray's role in the United front-line has now been taken by John Bourke, who cost £65,000 from Dumbarton this season. Bourke, like Gray, is lethal in the air and he combines well with Sturrock, another pin-up boy who is attracting a lot of attention from England.

Amazingly, both Dundee United and Aberdeen were sent reeling out of Europe at the first hurdle this season, but many see this as actually STRENGTHENING their respective bids for the title.

"They won't have to worry about those long hauls all over Europe," says one rival manager. "These trips can be very tiring. Now they can concentrate entirely on the domestic scene... and that won't do them any harm."

There is no doubt Aberdeen and Dundee United will be the main threat to the Old Firm. Hibs are still a mystery outfit, mixing colourful displays with drab, dull performances. They are nowhere near the consistency it takes to win a League title.

St. Mirren are an enthusiastic bunch of players with Alex Ferguson a bright and enterprising manager guiding them. However, this season will be a purely consolidating one for them. The experience will do them no harm.

Partick Thistle are still trying to achieve consistency, as are Motherwell. Ayr United and Clydebank will be too busy fighting off relegation to even think of a Championship victory.

Defeats

So, what about the Old Firm? They aren't about to step aside and allow a provincial club to take over. Rangers got off to a disastrous start with two consecutive defeats from Aberdeen and Hibs, but they have got things ticking over more smoothly now and new boy Gordon Smith, who cost £65,000 from Kilmarnock, has added flair and adventure to their attack.

Rangers will be there or thereabouts at the end of the season. So, too, will Celtic, whom SHOOT forecast at the start of the season to retain their precious title.

The Parkhead men have obviously missed the brilliant, shining talents of Kenny Dalglish.

Anyway, one thing is for certain... it's going to be an exciting, entertaining, dramatic season in Scotland. We only hope the fans roll in to watch all the action.



would find that gap too much for them.

Dundee United, too, know what it is like to lead the League... and end up with nothing to show for it. Jim McLean's talented Tannadice outfit, in fact, knocked Aberdeen off the top spot for the first time this season on goal difference when The Dons were held to a 1-1 draw by Motherwell at Fir Park and United won 2-0 at Ayr.

McLean, a brilliant tactician, says: "The only time it counts to lead the League is after the last game of the season. Only then do you get something for your efforts."

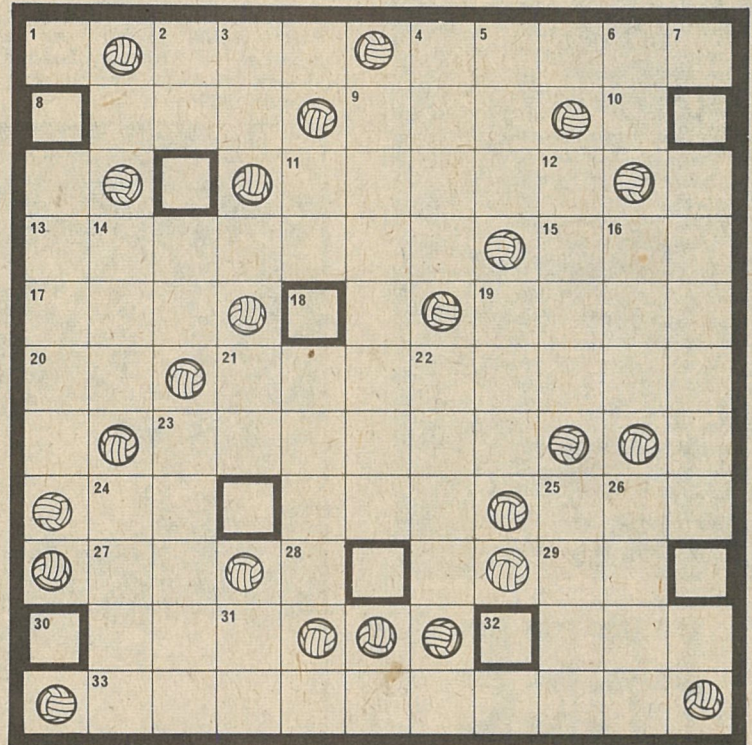
"We were ahead of everyone else at the same stage last season, but I think we are better off this time. People are treating us with much more respect and my team now believes in its own ability."

Dundee United possess some of the most exciting young talent in Scotland with the likes of Davie Narey, Graeme Payne and Paul Sturrock being envied by a great number of managers.

McLean is happy to see the crowds coming back to Tannadice, but he says: "Ideally, I would like to see gates of around the 20,000 mark here. Then we could pay our players so much money we

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Nottingham Forest midfield player. Answers on page 42.



ACROSS:—

- (2) --r-wsbury Town, from Gay Meadow ground.
- (4) Dish of uncooked vegetables, etc — recommended for slimmers.
- (8) -le- Crop--y of Aston Villa.
- (9) ---diff City play at Ninian Park.
- (10) Kenny Cle--nts of Manchester City.
- (11) Moved from place to place (on the pitch, for instance).
- (13) Play progressively better.
- (15) David Gr---ry of Stoke City.
- (17) A "transfer" one can be for a great deal of money.
- (18) A-b-y Stadium (Cambridge United).
- (19) Can make the playing surface very muddy.
- (20) Carlisle United, The Cumbri--s.
- (21) Pat —, Arsenal 'keeper.
- (23) Take five letters from Everton and add an "x" to give a whirlpool.
- (24) The — spot is where the game starts.
- (25) -to-e C-ty need a snow runner.
- (27) Martin P--ching of Wolves.
- (28) — Puddlefoot was a former famous player with West Ham.
- (29) ---drie from Broomfield Park.
- (30) Take four letters from Brechin to give a short measure!
- (32) Not on target!
- (33) — United, "The Blades"

DOWN:—

- (1) — Town; club from The Shay.
- (2) Slant to one side.
- (3) --reford United from Edgar Street.
- (4) Prevent the ball going into the goal.
- (5) Phil P--k-s, Queen Park Rangers 'keeper.
- (6) P-l-erstone Park, home of Queen of the South.
- (7) Alan — surname of West Ham player.
- (9) — City, "The Sky Blues" from Highfield Road.
- (11) Phil —, Portsmouth defender.
- (12) — Court, ground of Bournemouth.
- (14) St. -irr--, Scottish Premier Division club.
- (16) Horse carriage needed to complete ---g Lane (Bury).
- (19) Graham —, Arsenal midfielder.
- (21) — Sammels, Leicester City player.
- (22) Require; new players, perhaps!
- (23) — Field; Swansea City's ground.
- (24) Norwich City, "The ---arie--".
- (25) M-n-f-e-d. Ship part from the missing letters.
- (26) Brian —, Manchester City striker.
- (31) Glenn -oddl- of Spurs.
- (32) Paul --nt of Cardiff City.

IN NEXT WEEK'S SHOOT —

We review the season so far — the shocks, surprises, the trends + The Irish Stars who help make the First Division one of the best in the world + Progress report on Kevin Keegan, now with Hamburger SV after a glittering career with Liverpool + Spotlight on Hamburger SV + Special report on Scottish sides' disappointing showing in Europe this season + Spotlight on Hull City + Features about Ray Kennedy (Liverpool), Bobby Smith (Bury), Dave Smith (Notts County), Kevin Keelan (Norwich) + Crosstalk between Martin Dobson and Dave Thomas (Everton).

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TAKE A BREAK—IT'S QUIZ TIME

1. England manager Ron Greenwood introduced four players to the squad he used for the previous game v. Switzerland for the important World Cup-tie against Luxembourg ... can you name them?

2. True or false? Burnley's Peter Noble (right) was a member of Swindon Town's victorious League Cup winning side of 1969?



3. This unusual photograph was taken prior to a First Division game this season. Can you (a) identify the two goalkeepers and (b) the one on the right joined his club this term from which Second Division side?

4. The following local derbies have been played this season. Can you remember the scores? (a) Arsenal v. West Ham (1-0, 2-0 or 3-0), (b) Aston Villa v. Birmingham (0-0, 0-1 or 1-2) and (c) Middlesbrough v. Newcastle (0-0, 1-0 or 2-0).

5. Who played in goal for Scotland when they beat England 2-1 at Wembley in this year's British Championship?

6. Can you remember Liverpool's goalscorers in their epic

3-1 European Cup Final win against Borussia Monchengladbach last season?

7. Hibernian's John Blackley recently signed for a First Division club for around £100,000 ... can you name the side?

8. On Saturday, October 1st, Alan Woodward reached a personal milestone when he made his 400th, 500th or 600th

League appearance for Sheffield United against Southampton or Spurs?

9. Manchester United's Jimmy Greenhoff had previously played for Stoke, Birmingham and Leeds — but not in that order. Can you rearrange the clubs?

10. In which Divisions in Scotland do (a) Montrose, (b) Clydebank and (c) Stenhousemuir play?

11. Derby County have had eight managers since the last War. Stuart McMillan, Jack Barker, Harry Storer, Tim Ward, Brian Clough, Colin Murphy and Tommy Docherty are seven ... name the other one.

ANSWERS:

1. Peter Ward (Brighton) and Trevor Whyman, Kevin Beattie and Clive Woods of Ipswich. 2. True. 3. Southampton. 4. (a) West Ham's Mervyn Day (left) and George Wood of Everton, (b) Premier and (c) Second. 5. Dave Mackay. 6. Terry McDermott. 7. Blackpool. 8. (a) 3-0, (b) 0-1, (c) 2-0. 9. (a) West Ham's Mervyn Day (left) and George Wood of Everton, (b) Premier and (c) Second. 10. (a) First, (b) Second, (c) Third. 11. (a) First, (b) Second, (c) Third. 12. Yes. 13. Kilmarnock.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (2) She. (4) Salad. (8) Axle. (9) Car. (10) Me. (11) Roved. (13) Improve. (15) Ego. (17) Fee. (18) Be. (19) Rain. (20) An. (21) Jennings. (23) Vortex. (24) Centre. (25) Ski. (27) At. (28) Syd. (29) Air. (30) Inch. (32) Wide. (33) Sheffield.

DOWN:— (1) Halifax. (2) Slope. (3) He. (4) Save. (5) Are. (6) Am. (7) Devonshire. (9) Coventry. (11) Roberts. (12) Dean. (14) Men. (16) Gig. (19) Rix. (21) Jon. (22) Need. (23) Vetch. (24) Cans. (25) Sail. (26) Kidd. (31) He. (32) We.

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A DAY OF GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE FOR EUROPE'S FINEST



(Left) Müller, Varadi and Georgescu with boots made for awarding . . . (Below) The Juventus president (left) receives the "Team of the Year" Cup from Adi Dassler, Chairman of ADIDAS

GOLD, silver and bronze are the recognised awards for first, second and third in athletics, but they also form three of the most-prized in European football.

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Ruud Geels of Ajax and Holland

was tied with Müller, but was unable to attend the ceremony and receive his bronze boot as he was preparing to play in the Holland/Russia friendly game.

Apart from these three awards, there is a large, impressive silver cup for the ADIDAS "Team of the Year in Europe" and two smaller replicas for the runners-up.

Juventus (Italian Champions and U.E.F.A. Cup winners) took the Cup, while Bruges (Belgian double-winners of League Championship and F.A. Cup), and Liverpool (First Division Champions and European Cup winners, who incidentally won the ADIDAS "Team of the Year in Europe" in 1976) came second and third respectively.

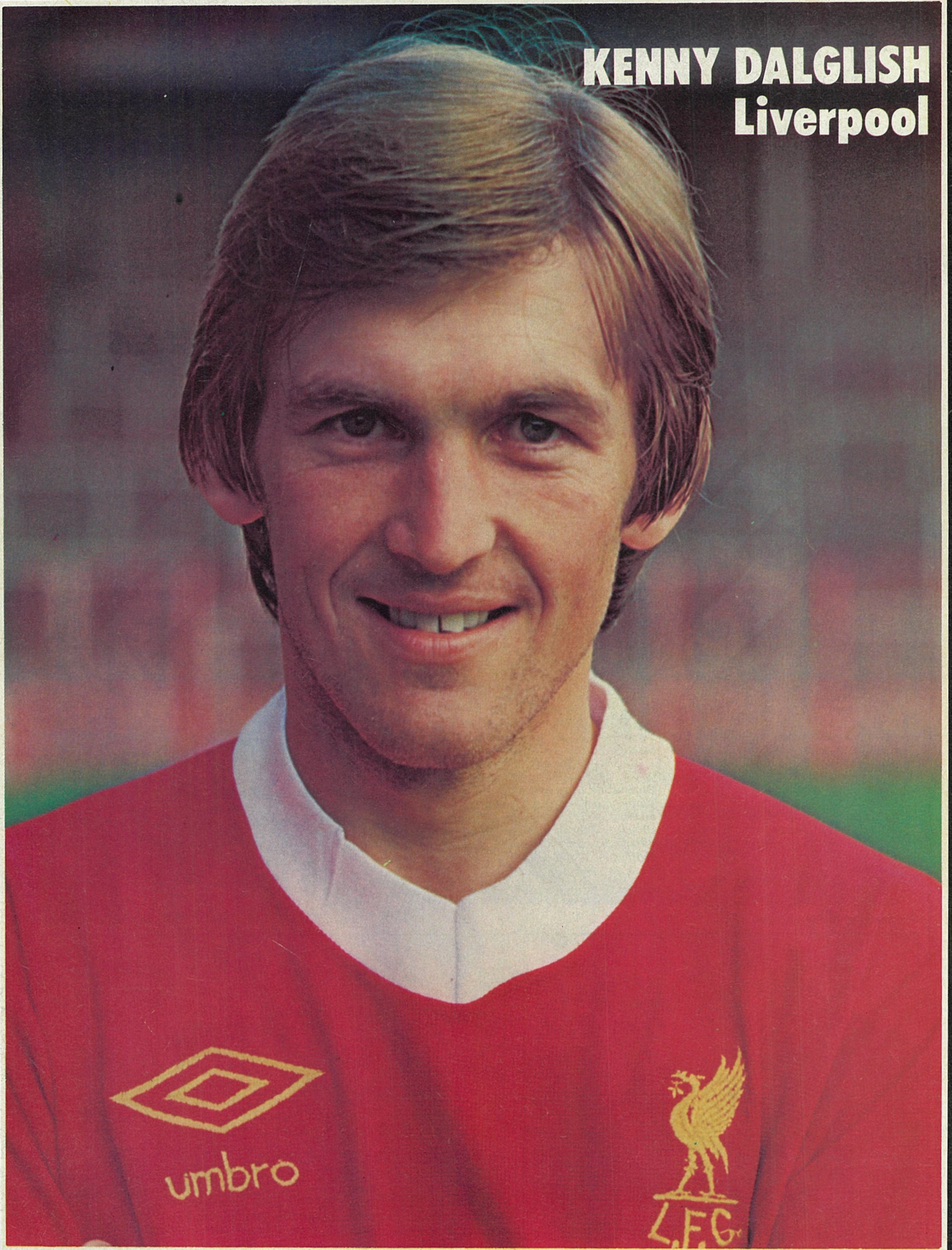


The president of Bruges (right) with his team's cup



David Gregory, SHOOT Editor (left) was asked to receive Liverpool's Cup, as Liverpool chairman John Smith and manager Bob Paisley had had to fly back to England prematurely to attend Liverpool's evening League match with Arsenal at Highbury.

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